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Celebrating 100 Years

1905 - 2005

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DERRY, NH 03038

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August 10, 2005

*Honoring the past...
Preparing for the future*

Derry Public Library Centennial Celebration, Final Report -

by Sherry Bailey, Adult Services/Reference Librarian



While doing some research as a fairly new hire during the summer of 2004, I happened to notice that Derry Public Library had been founded 99 years before in 1905. A number of Library staff were vaguely aware of the founding date, but nobody was yet thinking about the implications. Suddenly the promotional prospects for a one-hundred year anniversary celebration seemed important and promising. Here was a built-in once-in-a-century opportunity to make a big splash in the community, do some fundraising, and heighten awareness of the Library and its value to the public and Town officials. (Little did we know how many other institutions in the area had the same anniversary year! We had a fair amount of company in our desire for PR!)



But there was not a lot of lead time. Maximizing our efforts on a practically non-existent budget (since we hadn't noticed the impending anniversary in time to include a line item for it) was an issue.



After one or two community brainstorming sessions, a committee was formed which initially included one Trustee (Marilyn Sullivan), the Director (Cheryl Lynch) and Assistant Director (Jack Robillard, who also headed up public relations activities), the webmaster (Jean Cabaup, who also worked in and represented the Children's Department), the part time PR Assistant (Meryle Zusman, who was responsible for most of the posters, signage, newsletters, and so on in the Library), and a Reference Librarian (myself, Sherry Bailey, with responsibilities for the local history collection and adult programming, and with a PR background as well.) It evolved that the Trustee and Director both supported the rest of the committee mainly in a consulting capacity, so the actual planning and organization of the year-long event fell to four people. (Of course, everyone on staff eventually assisted in the implementation of this celebration in some capacity. A big event like this couldn't occur without across-the-board cooperation.)

Several more brainstorming sessions later, the motto, "Honoring the Past... Preparing for the Future" was chosen as the central theme. We decided that

CENTENNIAL CONVERSATIONS

In honor of the Derry Public Library's Centennial celebration, you are invited to participate in a conversation reminiscing Derry's past.

A round-table conversation will be lead by Library Director Cheryl Lynch, and taped for local TV broadcast by Barbara Ellingwood. Preceding the conversation, a light luncheon will be served.

For this event, you are invited to share your stories, experiences, and recollections of Derry's by-gone days. We would especially love to hear any stories that involve the Derry Public Library. Please feel free to bring mementos or photos that might enliven the discussion. They would most definitely be of interest!

WHEN: Friday, March 11, 2005
11:30 - 12:00 Light Luncheon
12:00 - 2:00 Centennial Conversation

WHERE: Derry Public Library
Paul Collette Room

WHY: To preserve and celebrate Derry's past while honoring the library's role in serving the town's expanding needs.

R.S.V.P. Cheryl Lynch, Director at 432-6140 by March 1, 2005

We look forward to seeing you!

a centennial anniversary obviously had to be about the history of the Library for the past hundred years, but we did not want to be mired in the past, either. It is important to continually remind people that the Library is a living and evolving organism and will continue to change and grow into the future.

The committee determined that we would build up to the August 10th actual anniversary throughout the year with displays and programs focused on local history. A number of our perhaps overly ambitious ideas were abandoned when we simply didn't have the human or financial resources to follow through. (One of them was to have little museum-style vignettes of furniture and props representing the decades of the past century. We thought of having an occasional chair, books, side table, musical device (radio, iPod, whatever) and mementos of the time period, but it became obvious that we didn't have the time to try to track down all the props we needed and space was very limited for displays, anyway. Another idea was an oral history project interviewing senior citizens on camera for local TV broadcast. Great ideas if we'd had more people!)



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Derry, NH

We had been talking for some time of creating a logo, instead of using the sketch of the Library building which had served the purpose until now. A number of people on staff played around with ideas, and eventually Jean Cabaup created a simple graphic which was adopted for use on the web site and for print applications as well. The "branding" aspects of having a new logo and introducing it with the heavier-than-usual promotion of the Library during the anniversary year were an important component of the overall marketing strategy.

A font (Murphy Script) was selected for its historic look and rubber stamps were made saying "Celebrating 100 Years, 1905-2005" for use on outgoing envelopes during the year. This was a small detail with a low investment but a positive impact, and was much cheaper than special anniversary stationery.

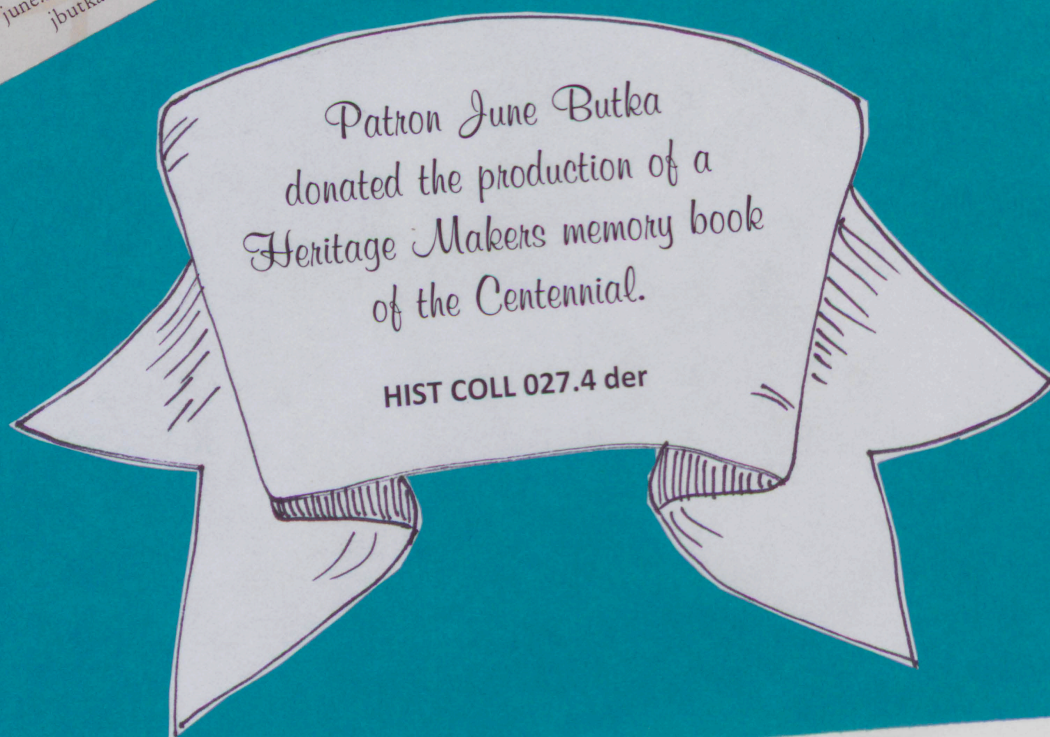
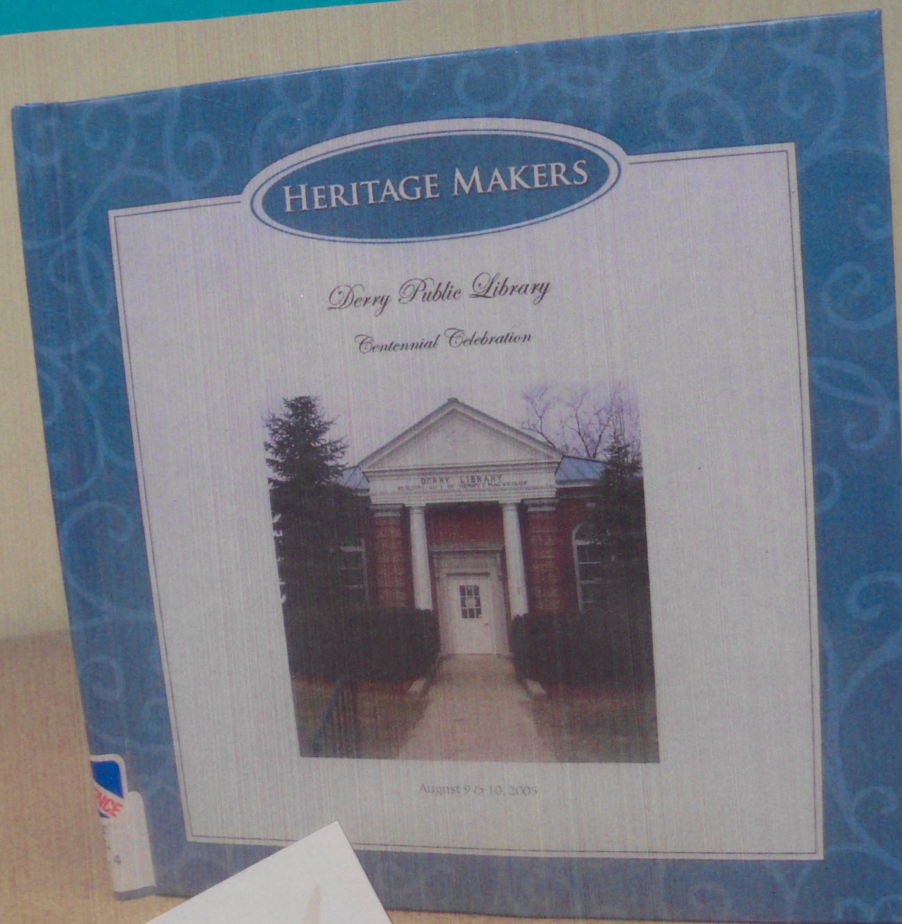
Logo designed by Jean Cabaup,
Children's librarian.



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Silent Auction

All Proceeds go to the Library's Preservation Fund
for the Restoration of the MacGregor Stained Glass Window, Repair of the Fireplace, and
additional Shelving for the New Hampshire Room

Please enter your name (LEGIBLY!!) and your bid on the forms provided.
If you have a Derry Library Card in that name, we will use that contact
information if yours is the winning bid. If you do not have a Library Card,
please stop at the Reference Desk and ask to be placed on the bidders list
so that we can record your phone number.

Remember, this is a fundraising effort!



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Fundraising

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Centennial Preservation Fund

Fundraising was one motivator for doing a big celebration - what better time to solicit donations than on a "birthday"? The committee chose three projects that had historical significance - repairing the Library's vintage stained glass window (a project for which one grant application had already been submitted with an expected restoration cost of over \$10,000); repairing - and installing a gas log insert in - the Library's 1927 tapestry brick fireplace; and installing additional custom mahogany shelving in the Library's "New Hampshire Room". A lovely portfolio packet was designed and created totally in-house by Jack Robillard and Meryle Zusman (using the color laser printer to advantage) to send to prospective donors, and staff gave presentations at several local organizations, including two Rotary Clubs.



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May 2005

LIBRARY CENTENNIAL FUNDRAISING GOAL - \$20,000

The Derry Public Library will be 100 years old on August 10, 2005. It began in one room at the Adams Memorial Building and currently occupies an expanded facility adjacent to MacGregor Park. Throughout its long history, the library has been community resource for information, education, and enjoyment.

In keeping with the theme of our centennial celebration – *“honoring the past, while preparing for the future”* – we have identified three projects that need attention to retain and preserve our links with the past.

1. The **MacGregor stained glass**, which hangs in the New Hampshire Room, is in need of restoration.



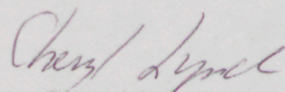
This late 19th century treasure was a gift from the family whose patriarch funded the building in 1923. Estimates for new leading, cracked glass repair, and secure remounting are between \$10,000 - \$12,000.

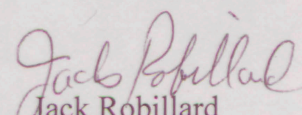
2. The **library's fireplace**, where readers once enjoyed a respite by the fire, is inoperable. Relining the chimney and installing a gas insert will restore the fireplace for cozy fireside reading. Estimate: \$4,000-\$4,500

3. The **New Hampshire Room**, which houses our growing historical collection of Derry history, requires additional shelving and archival storage cabinets. Estimate: \$3,000 - \$3,500.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to complete these projects prior to our rededication ceremony on August 10, 2005.

Thank you for your contribution. (See enclosed pledge form.)


Cheryl Lynch
Director


Jack Robillard
Assistant Director

MacGregor Stained Glass Window Project

Derry Public Library MacGregor Stained Glass Window Restoration Project



In 1923, wealthy capitalist and philanthropist Henry F. MacGregor died and left provisions in his will for the construction of a new building to house the Derry Public Library, as well as for an adjoining public park. Macgregor was the descendant of one of Derry's founders, the Reverend James MacGregor. Henry F. MacGregor was born in Londonderry, NH, and maintained a summer residence there even after moving to Texas (where he earned his wealth in railroad and real estate ventures.) An attractive red brick building designed by architect George G. Adams of Lawrence, MA, was constructed, and the new MacGregor Library Building opened in 1927.

A stained glass window taken from the MacGregor building was removed from the rear wall of the new building. Although the exact date is unknown, we presume that it was created in the late 1880's, based on the style. The window is a very fine example of stained glass in a neo-gothic style. The style used is reminiscent of the late 19th century, which a rich variety of multi-colored and textured glass was used in revolutionary ways. Windows of this level of artistic achievement are rare, and it is our duty to preserve them.

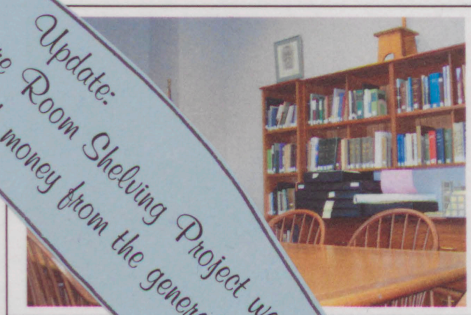
The window features the full achievement of the MacGregor coat-of-arms and supporters, and is flanked by side panels depicting claymores crossed under shields. The two side panels show the American Opalescent style in its purest form. The background features multi-hued red/gold opalescent glass, while the crossed swords motif is composed of milky white and yellow glasses, red glass, green glass, rippled brown glass, and glass "jewels". These types of glasses were all very new to the public eye, and represented the cutting edge of American manufacturing and design.

The center panel, although still containing a red/gold opalescent background, features some exquisite glass painting done in the traditional European style of stained glass design. The glass pieces that make up the coat of arms were likely painted and fired in several stages. The painting is highly skilled and may indicate a European background or training on the part of the artist or artists involved. The studio that created this window is unknown, although a better search for a signature can be one when the window is removed from its sash during restoration.

Update:
The MacGregor Stained Glass window was refurbished
by the Lynne Hovey Studio
in 2005-06 through a "Moose Plate" Conservation grant
from the State of New Hampshire.

New Hampshire Room Shelving Project

Derry Public Library New Hampshire Room Shelving Project



*Update:
The New Hampshire Room Shelving Project was
completed in 2010 through money from the general fund.*

In 1990, a new addition to the Derry Public Library was opened, more than quadrupling the space, and adding many amenities including the New Hampshire Room. This is a beautiful study room dedicated to local history and genealogy collections. The New Hampshire Room houses the Library's archival collections of Alan Shepard and Robert Frost materials.

(Shepard was born in Derry, and Frost owned a farm here.) These materials must be used within the room since many are antiques and are not easily replaced.

Some shelving was in the room originally, and an additional section was added in the intervening years. But as the collections pertaining to Derry and New Hampshire history continue to grow, more shelving is needed. The existing cabinetry is mahogany veneer and solid mahogany, and has fixed shelves. The proposed additional shelving would match what is already in place. It would result in approximately 60 linear feet of new shelving plus a custom stand to hold oversized archives boxes containing such items as full-sized newspaper pages and maps. This would permit a more effective arrangement of the existing materials and provide room to grow for some time to come.

The timeline for this project is roughly estimated to be from two to three months, start to finish.

The rough estimate for this project is in the \$5,000 - \$7,000 range, which will need to be raised by grants or gifts to the Library.

1926 Fireplace Restoration Project

Derry Public Library 1926 Fireplace Restoration Project



Henry F. MacGregor, wealthy capitalist and philanthropist, died in 1926 and will be buried in the MacGregor Library.

Update:
The Fireplace Restoration project initially received a donation of a gas log from Energy North and a custom fireplace screen from Director Cheryl Lynch during the Centennial. However, structural issues with the chimney caused it to be unusable until repairs and retrofitting (including a new gas log with glass screen) were accomplished in 2011.

As part of the design of the new building, a beautiful fireplace of red "tapestry bricks" was installed as the gift of Mrs. Elsie Gaskin Griffin, who by then had been Librarian for twenty years. Mrs. Griffin also gave a set of brass andirons and matching fireplace tools.

Over the early years of the MacGregor building, the fireplace was a beloved "community hearth", enjoyed by generations of Library patrons. For many years now, though, it has been in disuse due to the deterioration of time. The Fire Marshall has informed the Library that it will be permissible for the fireplace to return to use once repairs are made and inspection has been passed. Parallel flues (for the fireplace and furnace) have resulted in damage that past furnace upgrades caused damage to the fireplace flue. This needs to be repaired, the flue needs to be relined, and (since it is safer and cleaner than wood) a gas log insert will be installed. The Library will again have a cozy and comfortable reading area for new generations to enjoy.

The timeline for this project is roughly estimated to be from two to three months, start to finish.

The rough estimate for this project is in the \$4,000 - \$5,000 range, which will need to be raised by grants or gifts to the Library.

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Centennial Preservation Projects

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PLEDGE TODAY!

Your pledge to the Derry Public Library Centennial Preservation Fund.
(Donations received by August 10, 2005 will be acknowledged at the
Centenary events.)

\$1000 \$500 \$100 Other \$ _____

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Company Name _____

Signature _____

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*Derry Public Library Centennial
Adams Building Opera House*

Program

- 9:30 * *Coffee -- Musical Prelude*
Londonderry High School Honors String Quartet
- 10:00 * *Opening Remarks*
Jack Robillard, Asst. Director, DPL
- * *History of the Derry Public Library*
Rick Holmes, Curator, Derry History Museum

**The Future of Libraries - The Great Transformation*
Thomas Frey, Senior Futurist, DaVinci Institute

- * *Governor's Proclamation & Special Award*
Cheryl Lynch, Director, DPL
- * *Processional to the Library*
Jim Lundt, Bagpiper
- 11:30 * *Light Refreshments and exhibits at the Library*

*The Staff and Trustees of Derry Public Library
wish to extend to you a special invitation
to attend a program
"Honoring the Past . . . Preparing for the Future"
in celebration of the
One Hundredth Anniversary
of the founding of the
Derry Public Library
at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2005
at the Adams Building Opera House
29 West Broadway
Derry, New Hampshire*

*Light refreshments will be served at the library
64 East Broadway
following the program.*

*R.S.V.P.
432-6140*

**Derry Public Library
Centennial Celebration**

You are invited!

Tuesday, August 9 -

MacGregor Park

6:30 p.m. Hood Ice Cream in the park

7:00 p.m. Granite Statesmen Barbershop Chorus Concert

Wednesday, August 10 -

Adams Building, Opera House

**10:00 a.m. Centennial Program "Honoring the
Past...preparing for the future"**

Tom Frey, Keynote Speaker, "The Future of Libraries"

Derry Public Library

1:00 p.m. Children's Centennial Birthday Party

7:00 p.m. 3 Voices

Rebecca Rule, Maren Tirabassi, Diana Durham

"The Grail, the Rock and the Wardrobe"

Events are open to all – free of charge

Inspired by the design work that went into the Fundraising Packets, staff decided to create stylish invitations for the Centennial Event. After some experimentation, color covers were printed on art vellum paper using an ink-jet printer. These vellum pages were trimmed and adhered to the front of blank off-white craft store greeting cards which had been printed inside, using the color laser printer, with the invitation proper on one side and the program for the day on the other. An insert was included especially promoting the keynote address, since we considered that the Big Draw. Teen volunteers helped with assembly and circulation staff addressed and stamped the envelopes. For less than twenty cents each (plus postage) we created just the number we needed of very professional looking invitations which garnered many compliments.

**Derry Public Library
Centennial Celebration**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2005,
10:00 a.m.**

Adams Memorial Building Opera House



**Featured Speaker:
Thomas Frey - Senior Futurist
Executive Director of the DaVinci Institute**

The Future of Libraries – The Great Transformation –

Their existence is being threatened by information instantly accessible from every computer in every home. But libraries won't go away. Rather, information is soon to become far more complicated as technology expands our understanding of what information is. And Public Libraries will be transitioning from a center of information into a center of culture, evolving into an entity with function and purpose that is currently unrecognizable in today's world.

"The greatest value in understanding the future comes from spotting the major cultural, demographic, societal, and economic shifts early and translating them into viable business opportunities." Tom Frey

**Join us for this look into the future
as we begin our next 100 years.**



NHHC Programs at the Library in February

Wednesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.

Native American History of NH --

The Pennacook Indians of the Merrimack Valley were the largest and most powerful coalition on the New England frontier during the 17th & 18th centuries. They, along with their Abenaki allies, held off Europeans for almost 90 years during a succession of "Indian Wars," culminating in the French and Indian Wars in 1761. During this time, Indians and colonists exchanged and encountered each other's cultures, religions, trade goods, and even kinship. David Stewart-Smith, Adjunct Professor of History and Cultural Studies at Vermont College of Norwich University, will present slides and a lecture about these Native Americans.

Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.

Slide Show : Ancient Art of the American Woodland Indians

For almost 5,000 years—from about 3000 B.C. to A.D. 1500—the prehistoric Indians of the Woodland areas of Midwestern and Southeastern North America fashioned utilitarian and ceremonial objects from shell, stone, metal, wood, and pottery. The slide/tape program discusses ancient artifacts in terms of their cultural and aesthetic significance.

Coming: March 9 – Colonial New Hampshire slide/lecture program tracing Derry's colonial history presented by Jere R. Daniell, professor at Dartmouth College.

Call the Derry Public Library for more information.

DERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE NH HUMANITIES COUNCIL

The Scotch-Irish in Colonial New Hampshire

Program by

J. R. Daniell,

D.,



A Year of Local History Programming...

Derry history still in the making

By JULIE HUSS
STAFF WRITER



ALLEGRA BOVERMAN/Staff photo

William Dugan and Richard Holmes sit on a bench near the historic Derry firehouse on West Broadway. The two men collaborated on the newest Derry history book, "Derry Revisited," and not only share a love of history, but also many years of friendship.

portray the many facets of Derry — agricultural scenes, life along the Broadway stretch, and the changing faces of the community landscape over the years, shown by its inhabitants, social life and the many factories and industries that made the town a manufacturing hub.

The book is a follow-up to the authors' first volume, "Derry," written nine years ago and also filled with photos of Derry past. It is part of the "Images of America Series" by Arcadia Publishing.

Please see **BOOK**, Page 2

Derry Public Library hosts history talk

Professor Jere Daniell returns to the Derry Public Library for the third in his series of talks on the history of Derry and its place in historical events of the region. "The New England Town" will be presented by Daniell July 13 at 7 p.m. at the library. The event is part of the library's Centennial Year programming in 2005. Daniell's first talk at the library

dealt with the Scots/Irish in New England; the second discussed the Revolutionary War and New Hampshire.

This third and final chapter of his talks will discuss modern Derry in the context of the New England town with the general focus on the relationship between demographic change and governance. During his talk, Daniell will dis-

cuss the long dispute in Derry during the 1980s and 1990s over proposed charters changing the community from a town into a city. Audience participation is encouraged.

The event is sponsored by Derry Public Library and is part of the New Hampshire Humanities Council schedule of programming. Call 432-6140 for more information.

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Clean Milkers, Prompt Delivery New England Home Milk Delivery, 1860-1960

The New England milkman is one of the figures of nostalgia walking in our memories. Once upon a time, deliverymen brought fresh and wholesome foods to our doorsteps daily.

This talk with slides traces the development of home milk delivery in New England, from newly industrialized nineteenth-century cities to twentieth-century suburban doorsteps.



Judith Moyer, Ph. D., from the University of New Hampshire, is an

educator and historian. She has conducted oral history projects around the state and is known for her reader's

theater production, "It Had To Be Done, So I Did It."

Join us at the Derry Public Library for a nostalgic look at a time gone by.

The program is free and open to all. The Friends of the

**Wednesday,
June 8
7:00 p.m.**

The Friends of the Derry Public Libraries presents World War II: New Hampshire A program by Lawrence Douglas, Ph.D. Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.



World War II was an experience that changed America. Much of that change took place on the home front. More than 50 years later we can still witness the effects of World War II.

Using lecture, discussion, and a film that features interviews with folks from around New Hampshire, Dr. Douglas will explore the ways in which World War II made a "difference" in our lives. We'll look at life in the Granite State during the Second World War – its impact on citizens' lives, how it changed child-rearing. If you didn't experience it personally, this program will help you understand what your friends, neighbors and relatives went through during the war years.

This local history lecture is sponsored by the Derry Public Libraries through the New Hampshire Humanities Council Centennial Year (1905-2005).

Lecture focuses on local history

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The role of Derry and Londonderry during the Revolutionary War era in New Hampshire will be the focus of a lecture at the Derry Public Library on April 27 at 7 p.m.

Jere Daniell, Ph.D., a retired professor at Dartmouth University, will speak on "Derry/Londonderry in the Revolutionary Era" and describe the area's military contributions, demographic changes and community participation during the era.

Daniell is a frequent speaker on New England history and travels the region giving talks on subjects he customizes to local audiences.

He has spoken or written on topics including such things as New Hampshire politics, colonial history and the New England frontier.

The local history lecture is sponsored by the Friends of the Derry Public Library.

The New Hampshire Humanities Council is an agency which provides speakers (and grants to support them) on a wide array of humanities topics. These are largely college professors who speak on their areas of expertise, and many of them are willing to tailor their talks to a local audience, always a popular feature in Derry. A series of history programs progressing monthly from (pre-Library) colonial days on into the World War II (and later) time frame was scheduled to lead to the August event. The Council permits three programs per year per organization, and it must be confessed that we cheated, something new policies will no longer permit. (The Library sponsored three programs and the Friends of the Derry Public Libraries by our ignorance of the three program limitation.) Since the fee for a NHHC program was 10% of the speaker's fee (\$150) plus mileage (seldom over \$100) the cost to the Library budget for these six programs was under \$25 each, and they were very well received. (We have pledged to be more circumspect in future with this excellent programming resource.)

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THE FABRIC CONNECTION

The New Hampshire Quilt Project is on display at the Derry Library Jan. 22

BY JULIE HUSS
STAFF WRITER

"We want to help people..."

*Over the years the Library has had a number of
Directors:*

<i>Reverend W.E. Gaskin</i>	<i>1905-1906</i>
<i>Elsie Gaskin</i>	<i>1906-1940</i>
<i>Edith Hall</i>	<i>1940-1959</i>
<i>Christine Butman</i>	<i>1959-1961</i>
<i>Annie Ashton</i>	<i>1961-1980</i>
<i>Diane Arrato Gavrish</i>	<i>1980-1983</i>
<i>Ellen Hardsog</i>	<i>1983-1989</i>
<i>Laurie Mahaffrey</i>	<i>1989-1991</i>
<i>(Cheryl Lynch, acting director)</i>	<i>1991</i>
<i>John Courtney</i>	<i>1991-1997</i>
<i>(Cheryl Lynch, acting director)</i>	<i>1997-1997</i>
<i>Steven Russo</i>	<i>1997-2000</i>
<i>(Cheryl Lynch, acting director)</i>	<i>2000-</i>
<i>Robert Youngberg</i>	<i>2000-2002</i>
<i>Cheryl Lynch</i>	<i>2002-present</i>

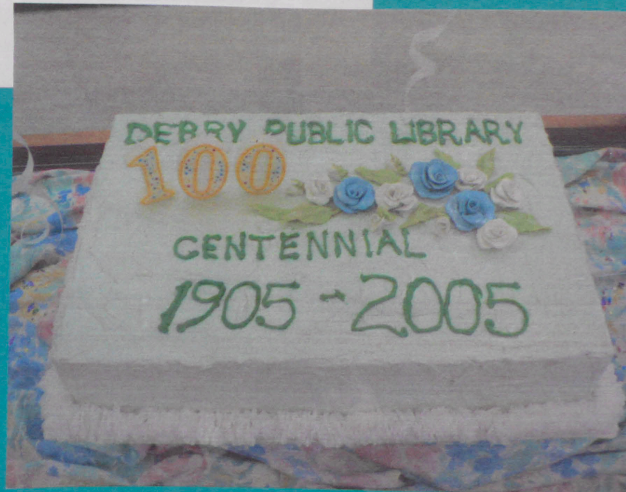


Leading up to the August 10 date, the Library's art display areas and showcase were used for historical and promotional displays. Antique photographic postcards of the Town (including pictures of the Library and Elsie Gaskin, the first Librarian) were enlarged on a color copier and laminated for display. Two historic photos of the Library, one of each of the two buildings in which it has been located, were professionally enlarged and digitally retouched, then donated to the Library by an area high-end graphics company, ImageAbility, then framed for permanent display.

Proclamations were sent by the Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives of the State, and were also framed and displayed. Some items were loaned by the Derry Museum of History, and items from the Library's collection (such as the very first issue of the local newspaper and the town reports for the years when the Library was established and first opened) were placed in the showcase.



A crafty staff member made a fake cake (with real birthday candles) spelling out "Derry Public Library, 100, Centennial, 1905-2005" on top for bug-free long term display. Small children were fascinated and wondered about its edibility after a month in the showcase!

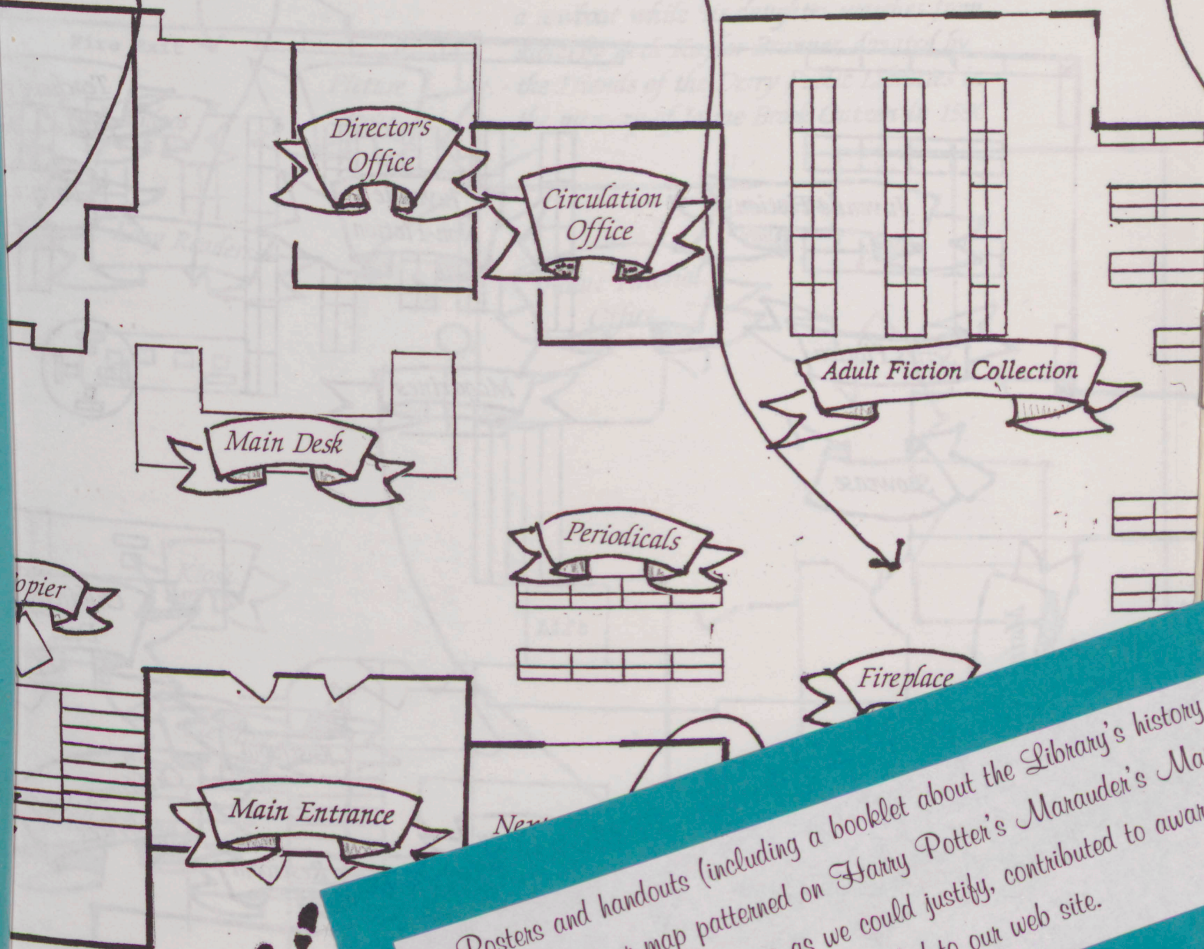


Although bunches of helium balloons were originally planned for the front entrance, it was discovered that they wouldn't be available early enough in the morning to be used, and since they tended to deflate over several hours, we couldn't get them the night before. We settled for three mylar star balloons (which don't deflate as fast) along with some dollar store party flags and an end-of-season wind decoration from a craft store on deep discount.

of Derry
created and
Londonderry.

Reading table from the Houston home of
Henry F Macgregor with his family coat of
arms hand carved on the end panels.

Original charcoal sketch
children's author/artist,
when she visited the Lib
in 1969. Later, they we
conservation treatment,
as a gift from the Frie
Public Libraries.



Posters and handouts (including a booklet about the Library's history and a
self-guided tour map patterned on Harry Potter's Marauder's Map), along
with as many press releases as we could justify, contributed to awareness of
our events, as did various features added to our web site.

In 19... MacGregor, resident of
Houston, Texas, died and left a bequest to
the town of Derry for the building of a new
facility for the town Library and an
adjoining park. The rock outside the Library
was removed from the property in
Londonderry where MacGregor grew up and
placed on the lawn of the new Library as a
memento of MacGregor's childhood.

of Henry F
the building and th
wife.

William Shakespeare bust donated by patron,
Vicki Hill. Oriental rug donated by Jack
and Linda Robillard.

A History of Derry Public Library



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A Self-Guided Tour of Derry Public Library
Adult Level



One of the most popular methods of advertising events in Derry in 2005 was to hang banners over Broadway, the main street through our historic town. The Friends organization purchased a custom banner for the event (at \$650) which could be recycled for other uses at a substantially reduced fee.

More than any other town in New Hampshire, Derry has changed dramatically over the last thirty years. Gone are the fields, the forests, and the fine old homes, and in their place stand malls, modern housing developments, and multi-lane highways.

It is difficult now to imagine the scene in 1719 when a small group of Scottish pioneers laid claim to the New Hampshire wilderness, building a meetinghouse close to a young oak tree. The town of Derry grew up around this site, and for nearly ten generations the oak stood as a respected presence within the community, symbolizing Derry's strength of purpose and proud traditions.

This delightful collection of over two hundred photographs has been carefully selected to show a Derry that, like the old oak tree, is no longer with us. For some of us, Derry will be a vivid reminder of the landscape, the landmarks, and the people known, and for others it will open a door into the past and bring it alive.

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DERRY

Town Historian Rick Holmes was on hand to sell and autograph his photo book, Derry Revisited, proceeds from which went to the Library's Preservation Fund.

By William F. Dugan and Richard Holmes

One for the Books



Above: The Granite Statesmen Chorus, a barbershop group, serenades the crowd at MacGregor Park during the Derry Public Library's 100th birthday party Tuesday night. It was a night of music, cake and ice cream for the partygoers, with the chorus leading a round of Happy Birthday to the library.

Left: Morgan Lambert, 2½, left, licks ice cream off of her fingers as her sister, 1½-year-old Brooke, smiles through her cake-frosting mustache.

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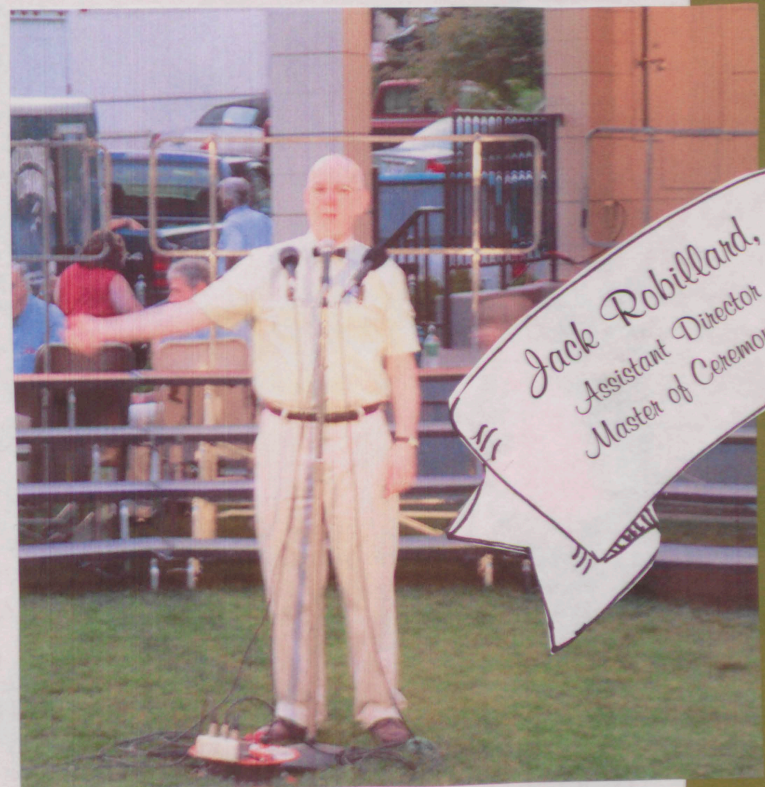
For the actual anniversary celebration we again turned to our motto, "Honoring the Past... Preparing for the Future." Since in the early days of the Library's history it was documented that the local barbershop quartet and Sweet Adelines rehearsed in the Library, we felt that it would be fun and appropriate to incorporate that kind of music as a salute to the past. As it happened, the Town's Parks and Recreation Department held summer concerts in the park adjacent to the Library, and on the Tuesday evening before the Wednesday anniversary date, they had already tentatively booked the Granite Statesmen, a large barbershop organization! (Since we had planned to request that this very group be booked for that very date, we had to view the coincidence as a good omen!)

Centennial Ice Cream



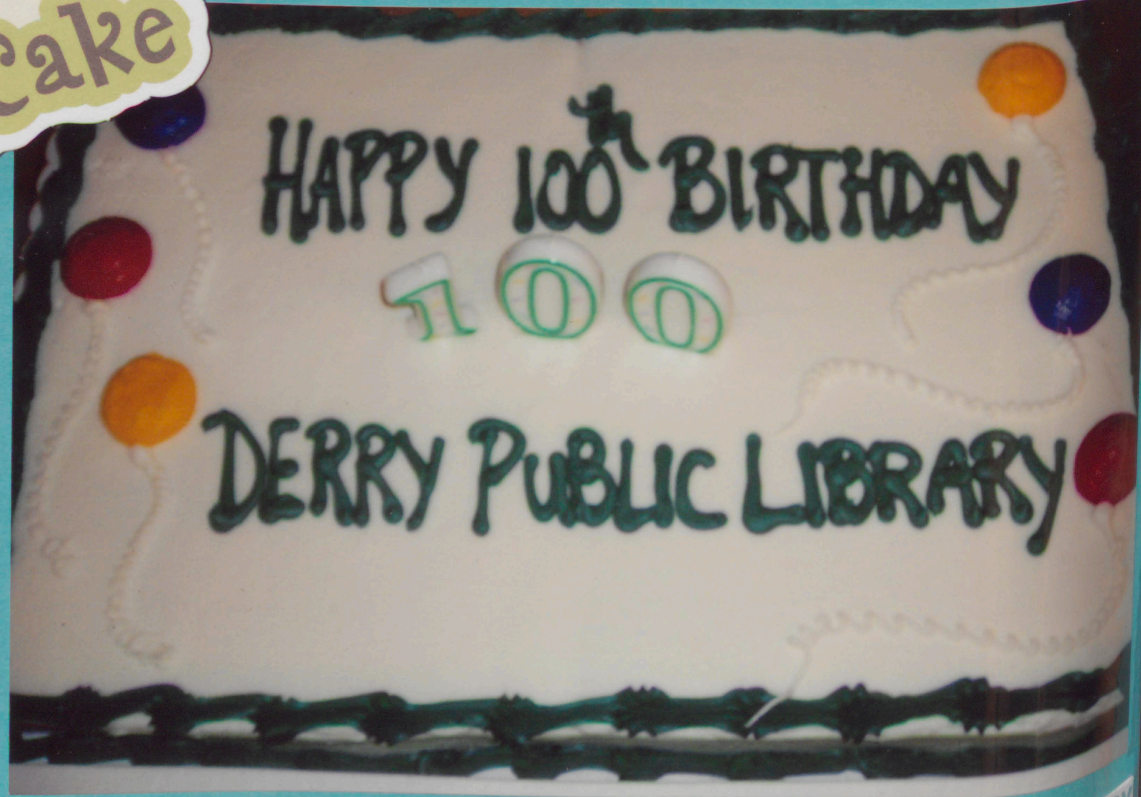
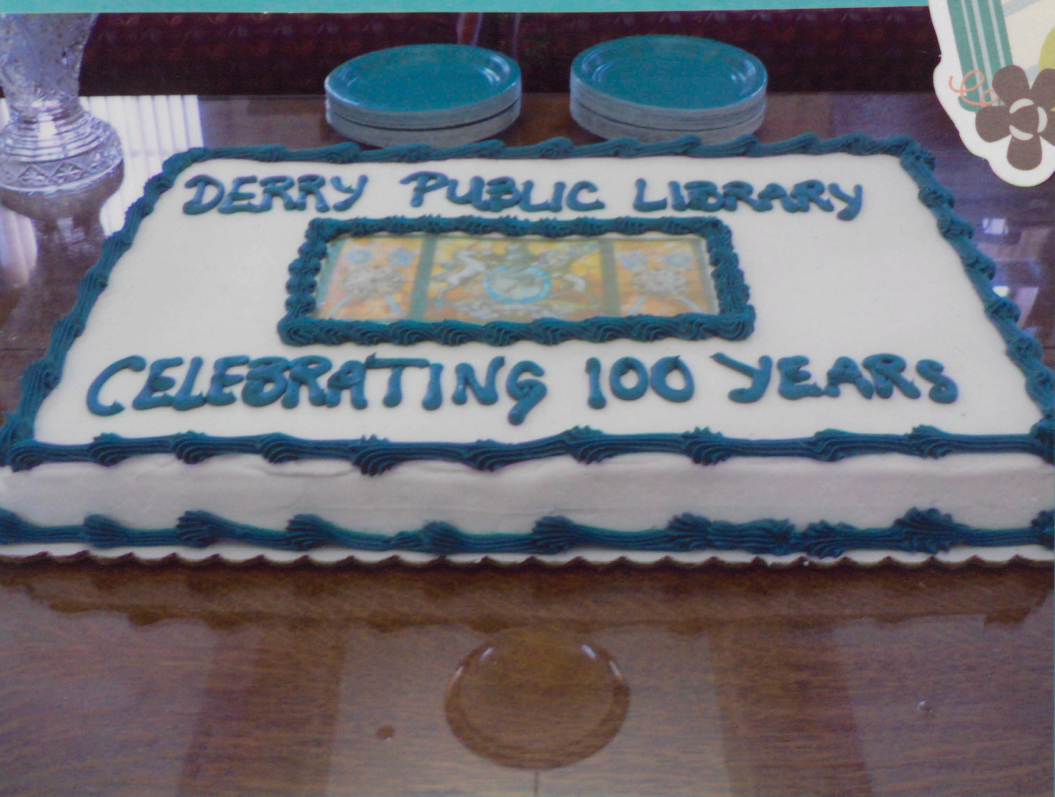
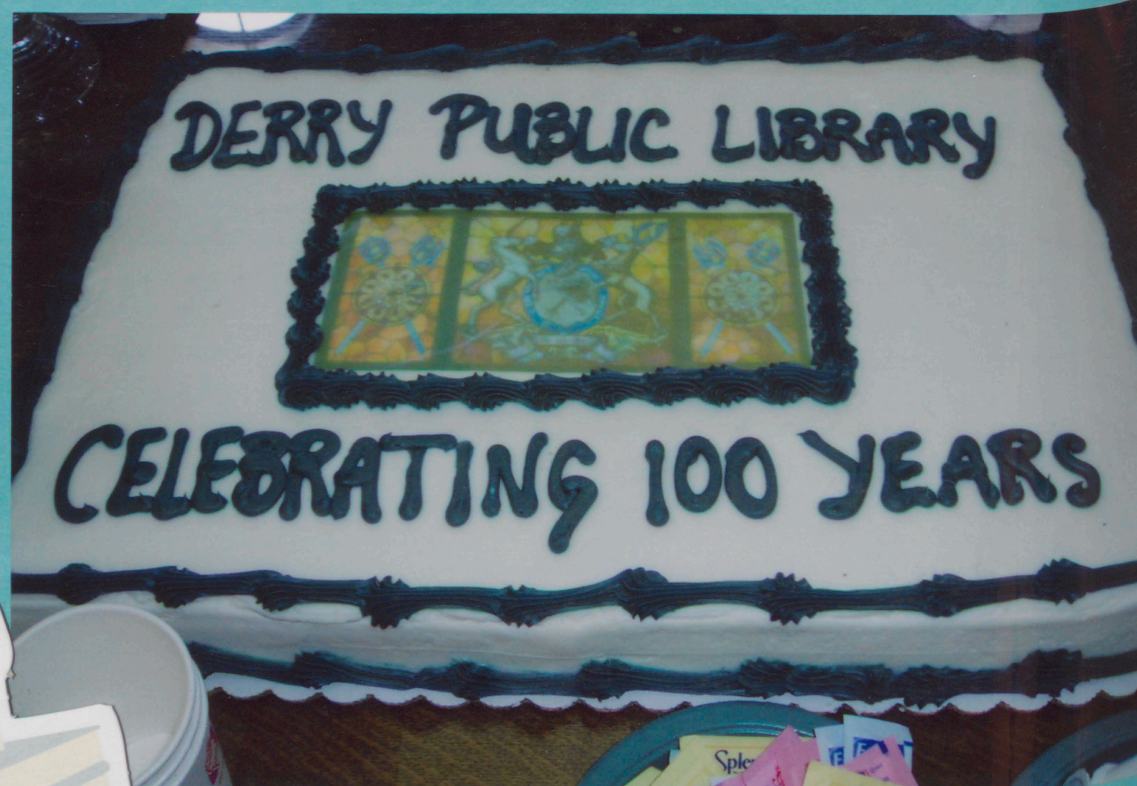
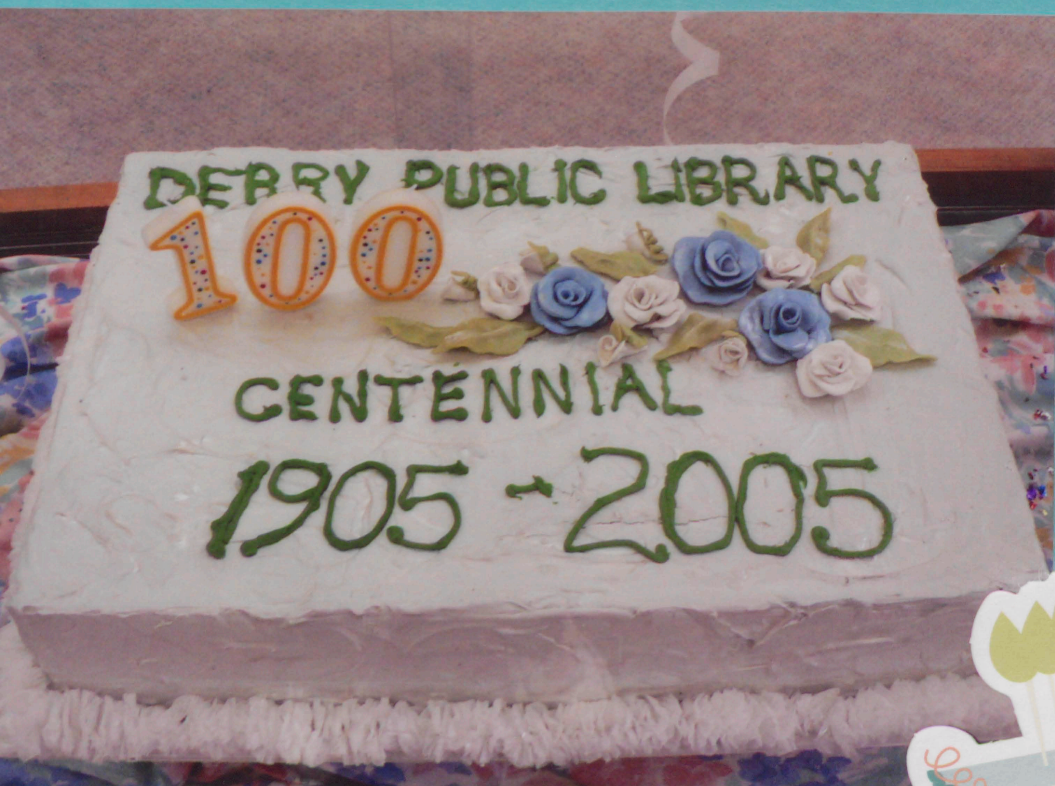
More than 100 Derry residents enjoy ice cream and a barbershop quartet at MacGregor Park last week. The ice cream social kicked off the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Derry Public Library. Jack Robillard, assistant director, said that such events were a popular pastime around the

time of the library's founding. The ice cream was provided by H. P. Hood, which operated one of its first farms in the area near MacGregor Park. The concert was sponsored by the Derry Parks and Recreation Department and featured the Granite State Barbershop Chorus.



Jack Robillard,
Assistant Director
Master of Ceremonies

HAPPY BIRTHDAY





Three tubs of Hood's All 4 Champions ice cream are shown. The tub in the foreground is labeled 'GREEN MONSTER MINT'. The tub behind it is labeled 'FENWAY FUDGE'. The tub to the right is labeled 'PEANUT BUTTER NATION'. The tub to the left is labeled 'COMEBACK CARAMEL'. Each tub features the Hood's logo and the 'All 4 Champions' branding. The tubs are white with blue and red accents. The background is a wooden surface.



**Granite State
Barbershop
Chorus Concert**



Events in the Park

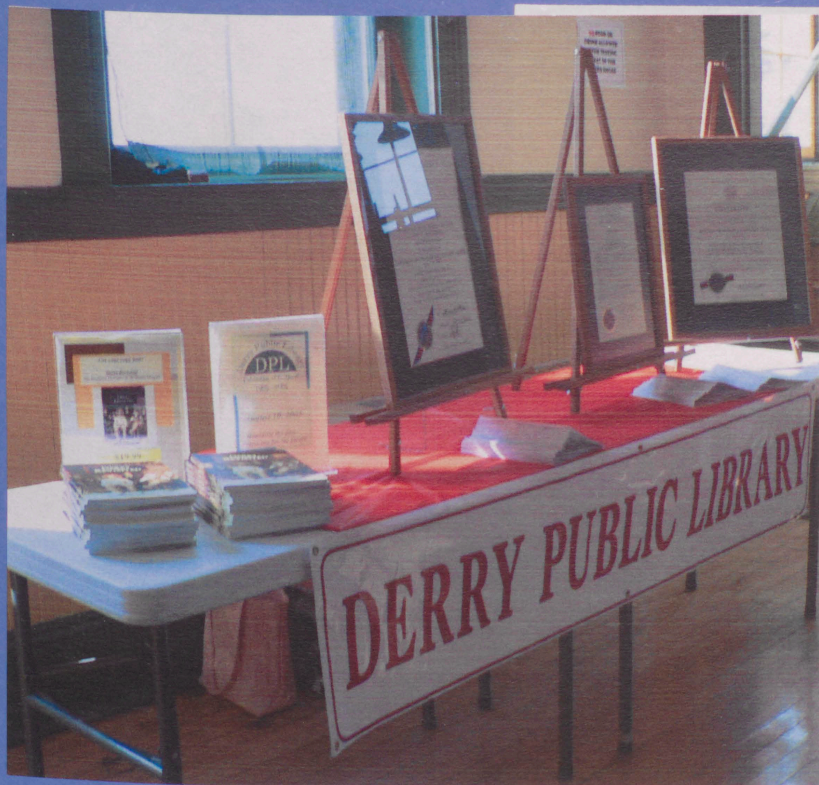
**Ice Cream Generously
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Tuesday, August 9

6:30 p.m.





Wednesday
August 10



Derry Public Library
DPL
Celebrating 100 Years
1905 - 2005



Events at the Adams Building Opera House

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Music

10:00 a.m. Centennial program

"Honoring the past...preparing for the future"

- ♦ History of the Derry Public Library
- ♦ Rick Holmes, Derry History Museum
- ♦ Tom Frey, Executive Director of the DaVinci Institute, keynote speaker :
"The Future of Libraries"
- ♦ Governor's Proclamation & Special Awards
- ♦ Processional to the Library

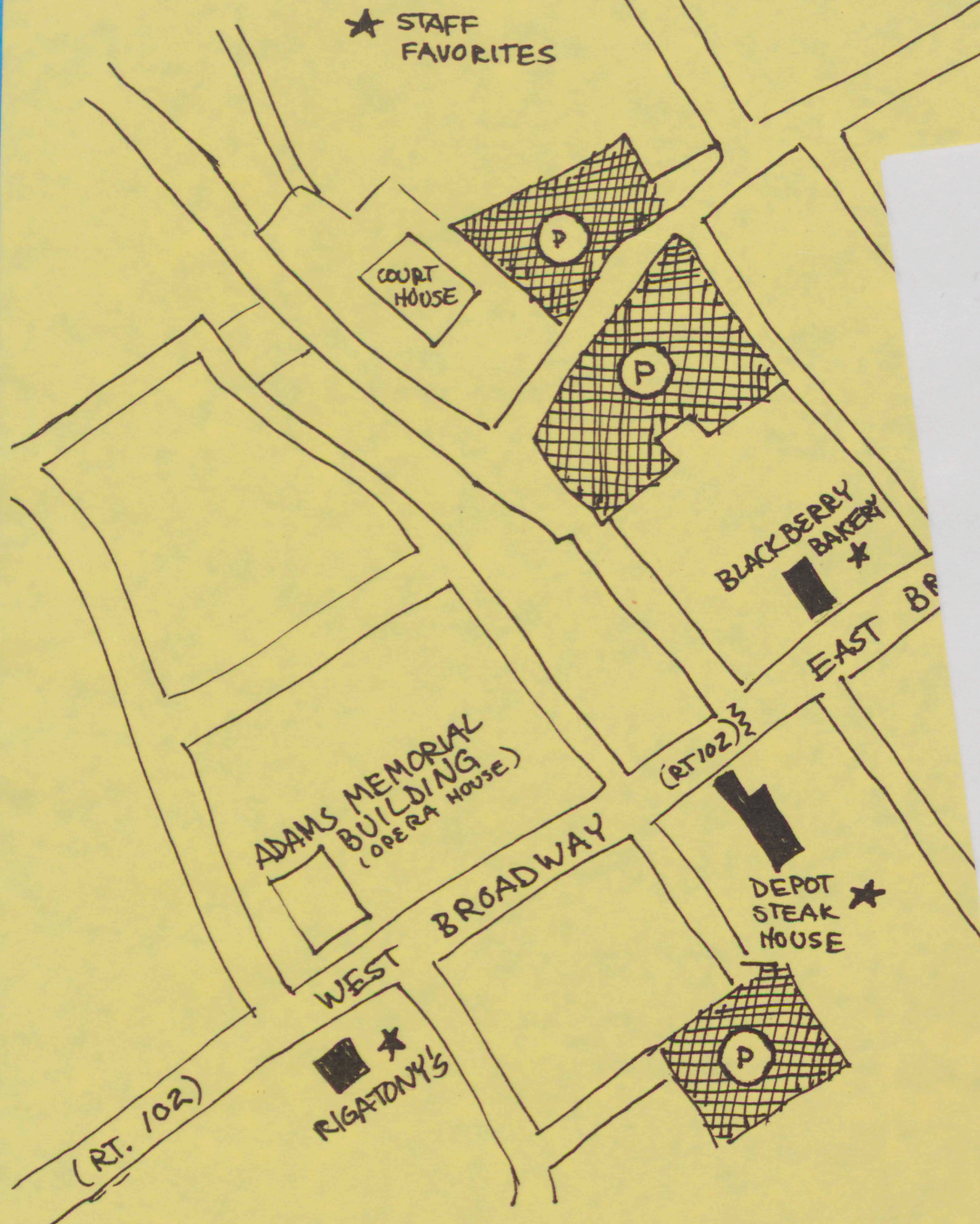
led by Jim Lundt, Bagpiper

DERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

PLACES TO EAT & PARK

(MAP NOT COMPREHENSIVE!)

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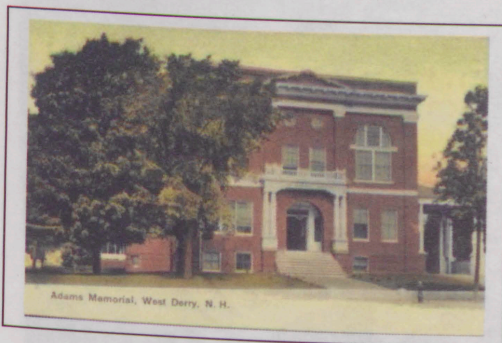
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... Preparing for the Future

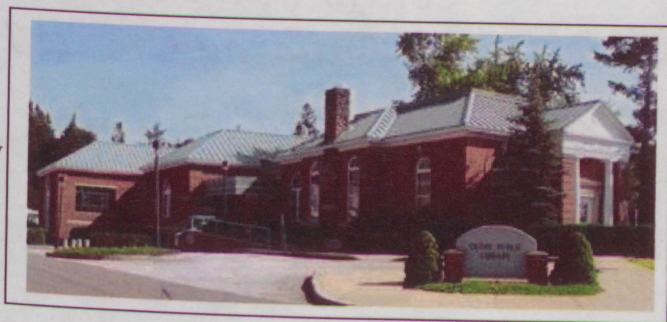
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Derry Public Library
Adams Building
1905 - 1926



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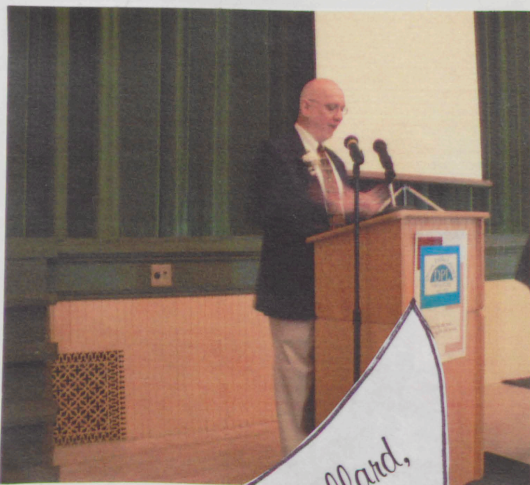
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Derry Public Library Centennial Adams Building Opera House

Program

- 9:30 * *Musical Prelude -- Centennial Quartet*
Anna Brown, Viola
Hayley Duyon, Violin
Alison Yankowskas, Violin
Kathryn Weise, Cello
- 10:00 * *Derry Fire Department Honor Guard*
Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance
 * *Opening Remarks*
Jack Robillard, Asst. Director, DPL
 * *History of the Derry Public Library*
Rick Holmes, Curator, Derry History Museum
 * *The Future of Libraries - The Great Transformation*
Thomas Frey, Senior Futurist, DaVinci Institute
 * *Remarks*
Cheryl Lynch, Director, DPL
 * *Processional to the Derry Public Library*
Jim Lundt, Bagpiper

*Light Refreshments and exhibits
at the Library following the program*



Jack Robillard,
Assistant Director
Master of Ceremonies

Derry Public Library – Centennial Introduction

Good morning. I'd like to thank our Centennial Quartet – Anna Brown on viola (Anna is a library page and the daughter of Susan Brown, one of our Reference Librarians; Alison Yankowskas and Hayley Duyon on violin, and Kathryn Weise on cello.

Welcome to the Derry Public Library's 100th birthday celebration.

100 years ago, on August 10, 1905, the founders of the library entered a room downstairs in this building and opened the doors to the citizens of Derry for the first time to the institution known as the Derry Public Library. That act began a journey that has traversed the decades to bring us to this day – the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Derry Public Library.

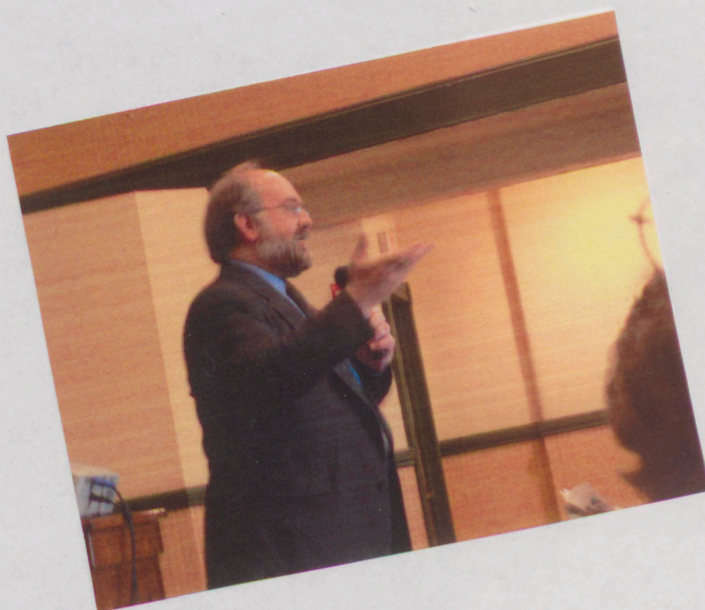
That institution, the Derry Public Library, has grown, adapted, moved, expanded, and reinvented itself many times over in those intervening years. Like all great institutions, it has evolved to address the needs and desires of each new generation.

Over those many years we have been fortunate to have had devoted library supporters, whether employees, patrons, or community leaders, who have championed the cause of libraries and the principles upon which libraries stand. You'll hear about some of those people this morning from Rick Holmes, local historian, raconteur, and founder of the Derry History Museum, as he touches on the highlights of our 100 year history.

When individuals celebrate a milestone, such as a birthday, we do it annually with a cake and a few presents. Larger organizations or newer enterprises may celebrate the decades – a 10th wedding anniversary or the 25th anniversary of a business or event. Those celebrations are about longevity or success over a period of time. But institutions that are here for the long haul, serving a basic and profound need, mark the passing of time in much larger chunks. The bicentennial of the founding of our country, for example, or the 100 years that have intervened since our local citizenry determined that a public library was a pressing need for a growing community.

As the past president of the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association pointed out at a recent conference, our state constitution places a great value on an educated

August 10, 2005 was the actual anniversary date of the opening of the Library, so (even though it was a Wednesday in the summer) that seemed like the day to focus on for primary programming. Since we were "honoring the past" on Tuesday with our ice cream social and barbershop quartet programming, we wanted to "prepare for the future" on Wednesday. Again, brainstorming sessions brought the concept of having somebody speak on the "Future of Libraries". We considered local or regional speakers, but concluded that for the event to have any impact or interest beyond the staff and other people already interested in the Library, it would be good to find someone with a broader reputation who might draw more attention from librarians and others throughout the state. An internet search located Thomas Frey, Senior Futurist at the daVinci Institute in Colorado, who already had a prepared program on the subject. We negotiated with him and he agreed to being our keynote speaker for a reduced fee and expenses - which still made him the single most expensive component of the celebration! Because we hoped for a better turnout than the Library's meeting room could support, we decided to hold the program down the street at the Adams Memorial Building, also called "The Opera House", where an auditorium seating up to 350 was available to us for free. (This building has special importance because it was the Library's original home. When Benjamin Adams left money to the Town for its construction, one of the stipulations was that it should contain rooms for a Library, and Derry Public Library was created within a year of its opening and remained there until 1927.)



Derry Public Library Centennial Celebration

**Wednesday, August 10, 2005,
10:00 a.m.**

Adams Memorial Building Opera House



**Featured Speaker:
Thomas Frey - Senior Futurist
Executive Director of the DaVinci Institute**

The Future of Libraries – The Great Transformation –

Their existence is being threatened by information instantly accessible from every computer in every home. But libraries won't go away. Rather, information is soon to become far more complicated as technology expands our understanding of what information is. And Public Libraries will be transitioning from a center of information into a center of culture, evolving into an entity with function and purpose that is currently unrecognizable in today's world.

"The greatest value in understanding the future comes from spotting the major cultural, demographic, societal, and economic shifts early and translating them into viable business opportunities." Tom Frey

**Join us for this look into the future
as we begin our next 100 years.**

Future of Libraries

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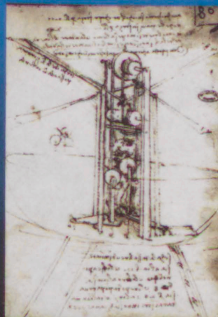


Leonardo da Vinci



Leonardo da Vinci - 1452 - 1519

The da Vinci Collection



- Over 5,000 pages of drawings, and notes
- Inherited by Francesco Melzi – da Vinci's favorite student
- Upon Melzi's death in 1579 da Vinci's collection began to scatter

The da Vinci Collection

- 1630 - Pompeo Leoni, a sculptor at the court of the King of Spain began to rearrange the collections
- Some pieces were lost
- 1637 - Manuscripts were donated to Biblioteca Ambrosiana in Milan



The da Vinci Collection



- 1796 Napoleon ordered the manuscripts to be transferred to Paris
- Many remained undiscovered until 1966
- Found by chance in the archives of the National Library of Madrid

Question

How many visionaries of the past were lost because we didn't have libraries to protect their work?



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"We're in this awkward

Frey said that he realized just how volatile the new technologies are, when he was asked to speak on the future of paper at the 2000

He told them to imagine an archeologist 200 years into the future who is digging up old records. "The first thing he finds is paper and he says, 'Ah, I can use this,'" Frey said.

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Frey said that his story illustrates why paper is still the most stable form of technology, even in the age of the Internet, cell phones, and i-pods.

The Internet alone is growing at a staggering pace. There are 116 new

He added that Internet search engines like google.com are still in primitive stages of development.

In the future, he suggested that computers will be equipped with special sensory devices that will allow

"In the 1980s, how many movies were there where Harrison Ford was wearing a blue sweater?" Frey asked. The search engines of the future, he said, should be able to produce an answer.

Frey also discussed how

Cell phones are also rapidly adapting. Recently, designers have fitted cell phones with cameras and the capability to check e-mail. "We're trying to come up with the ultimate Swiss Army knife version of the cell phone," Frey told the Nutfield News.

Given the instability of the emerging technologies, libraries still have a role to

play as repositories of information. In the long term, however, Frey said that libraries will have to radically transform themselves.

Frey vividly depicted the library of the future as an area rich in creative spaces. Such libraries might have blogging stations, booths for podcasting, and rooms for bands to practice.

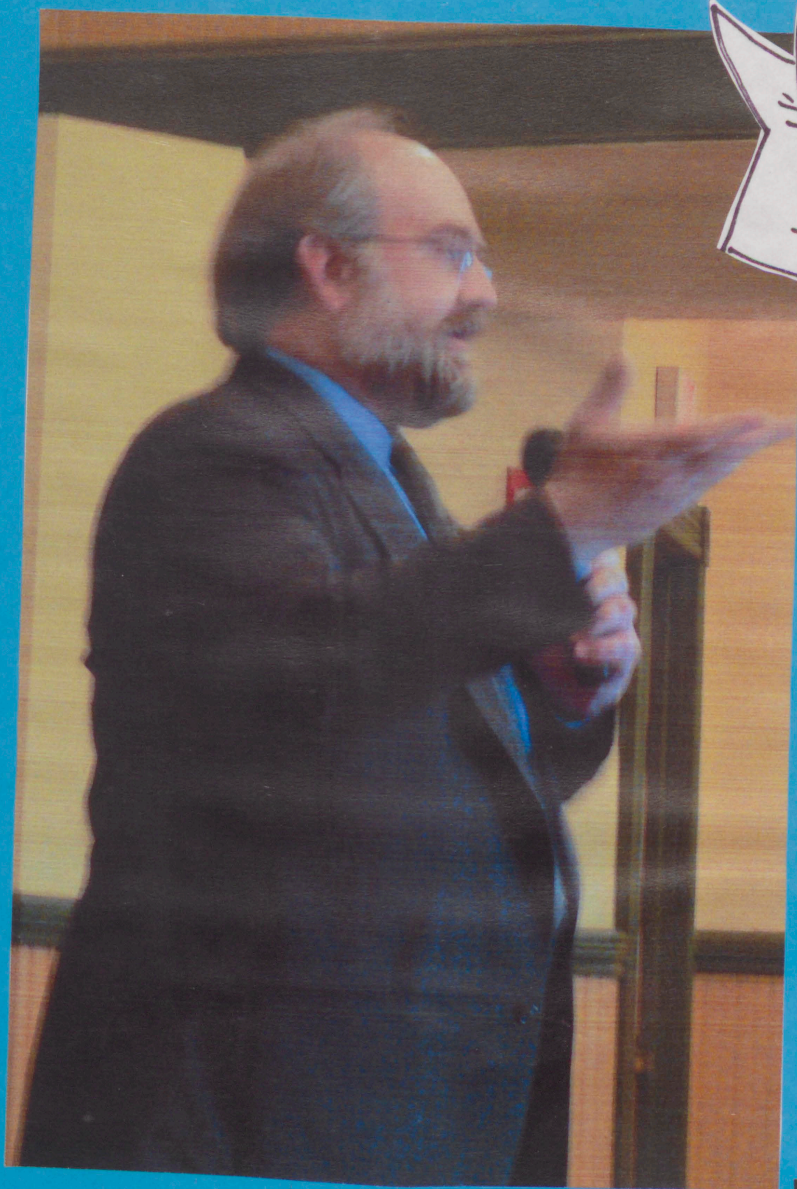
Libraries will also be able to harness new information technologies to their advantage in other ways, recording for example, what it smells like to walk down Broadway in the year 2005.

An engineer with IBM from 1976 to 1991, Frey is the founder and director of the DaVinci Institute, a futurist think tank in

In the space of 17 years, he started 17 businesses, including a college, an ice cream shop, a center for troubled mothers, a charity, and, of course, a Web design company. "I wish I could say they were all thriving," he said. "I like to say that my informal education was more expensive than my formal education."

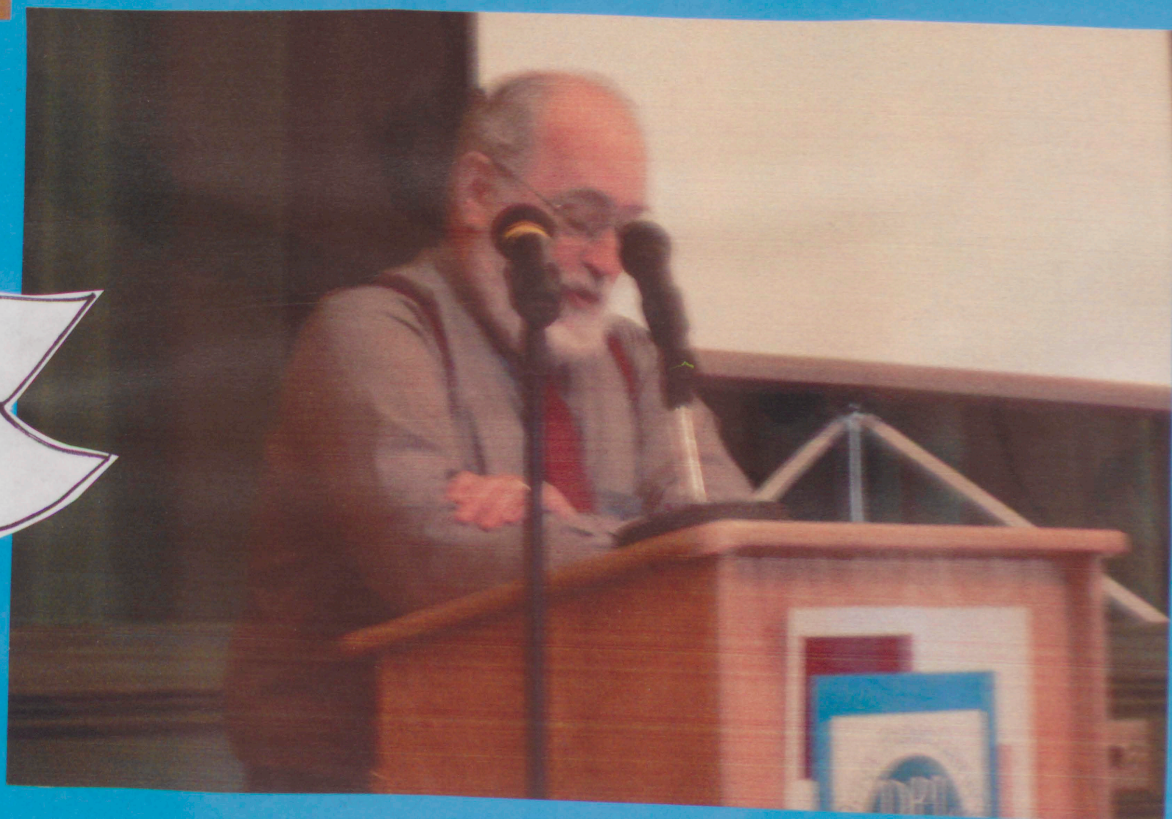
His formal background is in engineering, but Frey prefers to describe himself as a futurist. "Nobody thinks in terms of the future," he said. "It's less about predicting what will happen in five to 10 years than it is about the thinking process we need to get there."





Keynote Speaker,
Tom Frey

Town Historian,
Rick Holmes



To round out the program and make a morning event out of it, we requested our Town Historian, Rick Holmes, to speak on the history of the Library. We also decided that it would be nice to have an award to honor someone in the community who gave a great deal to the Library and the Town, and although we debated how many people to include in this, in the end we simply chose Elizabeth Ives, a long-term former Trustee and town activist. A plaque was designed and ordered to permanently hang in the Library, and a facsimile document prepared to present to her. We were pleased to have 71 people attend the ceremony, which for a half-day event in the middle of the work week seemed quite a satisfactory turnout.



Derry Public Library 100th Birthday

In 1719—a group of 16 families left Ireland and settled in an uncharted wilderness they called Nutfield. One of the reasons they left the old world was because they were not allowed to educate their children in their own schools. With out exception every one of the Nutfield pioneers could read and write. Several were college graduates. By 1723 we voted to tax our selves to build a 12 by 16 foot schoolhouse and hire a schoolmaster.

By the 1790's Derry had a private library and was operating a classical high school. Many of our churches had libraries for their members. The first of our public libraries was established in 1877 by a \$1000 bequest of Miss Harriet Taylor. It opened the next year in a room at the Upper Village Hall in East Derry.

During the 1880s the population center of the town shifted to the west. Massive shoe factories were growing like mushrooms in the Derry Depot area. Soon 80% of the town's population lived with in walking distance of Broadway. The library and the books were in Eastern part of town and the majority of its potential patrons were in the western part of Derry. As one critic in the 1890's wrote to the Derry News it wasn't worth the 2 hour walk just to get a book. Many West Derry residents wanted to move the library near them. One writer in East Derry disagreed and countered by suggesting that the shoe factory owners should build their own library.

. In 1901 lumber mill owner Benjamin Adams be-quested to the town \$10,000 to build a public hall with rooms for a public library. His will did not say in which part of Derry the grand new edifice would be built. . Those in East Derry said it belonged there -after all that was the section of town in which Mr. Adams was born,grew up , lived and was buried.

The West Derry folks argued once again that Broadway was where the people were and having a library there would have a civilizing effect on the thousand of shoe workers of Derry. The courts finally agreed with the West Derry Argument- but the town fathers also voted to keep the Taylor library in East Derry. Each would get an equal amount of the town tax revenue.

Local factory owner Rosecrans Pillsbury gave \$1000 to the town to buy the books for the library. The town spent \$499.82 to build the shelves buy reading tables and hire a librarian. A board of trustees was appointed by the selectman. They were defiantly the right kind of people. The first trustees were Rev. Nichols, Father Dunn, Judge Abbott and schoolteachers Nellah Callahan and Sadie Quimby. The librarian was retired Universalist minister the Rev. William Gaskin. Miss. Florence Thurston assisted him during the rush hours of Saturday night. Rev Gaskin earned about \$22 a month as librarian. His daughter Elsie would take over as librarian with in a year and stay for 34 years.

It was decided by the trustees that the new library should have a name. They reasoned that because it belongs to all the people of Derry who could share equally in its benefits that it would forever be called the Derry Public Library and not the Pillsbury Library as had been suggested by Mr. Pillsbury.

I have searched the pages of the 2 local newspapers with out finding any big front-page story on the library's opening on August 10th 1905. Apparently it just opened its doors with out much fan fare. There were a lot of other big stories going on in Derry around that time that may have pushed it out of the press's mind. There was the automobile that set a record by climbing Mt. Washington in 22 minutes and 58 seconds. The week before the new H E Hardy shoe factory was dedicated .It was 4 stories tall and stretched 524 feet along South Avenue. It was the largest wooden factory in the world. Madam Merah. a trance medium, had opened up a store front parlor on Broadway to ply her remarkable clairvoyant skills.

James Comeau was giving rides on his new steamboat on Beaver lake at 5 cents a spin. Coolidge's Jewelry Store on Broadway was selling solid gold rings for 60 cent each. Broadway was finally being paved. The Casey Brothers were adding a 50-foot addition to their roller-skating rink on Railroad Ave. Our town's greatest historian, Harriet Chase Newell, couldn't attend the library's grand opening. She was vacationing in Alaska. The men of the Derry Base ball team beat the Bloomer Girls Base Ball team of Chicago 5 to 4 and some one caught a 3-foot long eel in Beaver Lake. That week there was a circus parade down Broadway. The huge tent was set upon the site of the present Parkland Hospital. One of its attractions was a man who jumped a bicycle 50 feet thru the air to fly thru a flaming hoop. What a time to be in Derry!!

The library's hours that first year was 3 to 5 PM on Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays and every evening except Sundays and holidays from 6 o'clock to at late as anyone wanted to stay. On Sunday afternoons the reading room was also open. The Derry Public Library had 1229 books on its shelves. In addition it subscribed to 15 different newspapers and 18 magazines.

Derry at that time had a population of about 5000 people.... and 1124 of them had a borrower's card at the new library. The first year there were nearly 10,000 books loaned; of these ¾ were novels and other works of fiction. On an average day there were 69 books loaned out. On November 25,1905 a record of 169 books were checked out. On the other side of the record book that first year on August 11th the first full day of operation only 11books were stamped by the librarian.

With such a small number of books the shelves sometimes appeared almost empty. In February 1906 Rev Gaskin appointed Bill Tabor as retriever of overdue books. He was a former military man who had won the Congregational Medal of Honor in 1864. Tabor and Gaskin decided to shut down the library until most of the checked out books were returned to the library. In a week or so there was enough books back in the collection to reopen the library. In 1914 many of the books were damaged in a fire that destroyed the Adams Memorial Building

On the wall of the reading room was an oil painting entitled A Gray Day on the Hudson River and an engraving of Washington Irving. There was also a large photograph of the benefactor the Honorable Rosecrans Pillsbury that cost his friends a hundred dollars. This gift may be classified as an overt political move because the week the library opened Rosecrans. Pillsbury announced his candidacy for the governorship of New Hampshire,.

Flowers Wanted!!



The Centennial Committee would like to have bouquets of flowers in strategic places on August 10 (if possible, on the refreshments tables at both the Opera House and the Library, on the stage at the Opera House, on the fireplace mantle at the Library, on the Circ Desk, in the NH Room, and anywhere else we can put them!!)

Obviously this would take a lot of flowers!

It's possible we may receive some arrangements as gifts from businesses in town, but we can't rely on that. It would be helpful if everybody could raid their gardens (or talk their neighbors into raiding theirs) and bring fresh cut flowers in on Tuesday, August 9 for arranging. (If you like to arrange flowers and want to help, see Sherry.) Wild flowers and pretty weeds (like loosestrife) would work, as well as garden flowers like gladiolas, zinnias, Queen Anne's Lace, etc. Cut stems as long as possible for versatility, and put in water. Extra vases on loan might also help.

Thank You!!!



Additional components of the program included: refreshments provided and served by the Friends; the Londonderry High School's Honors String Quartet (renamed the Centennial Quartet for the occasion when their teacher substituted for one of the students) who performed while guests arrived and mingled; an honor guard and flag salute from members of the Fire Department; and a Police Escort for our march back to the Library, led by bagpiper Jim Lundt. (The philanthropist whose bequest funded the "new" 1927 building for the Library, as well as the adjacent park, was Henry MacGregor, a descendent of one of the Town's founding fathers. Because of his Scottish heritage, pipers have been included in previous special Library events, and we continued this tradition.) A ribbon cutting ceremony upon the arrival of the guests led everyone into the Library proper where we held a reception with another huge sheet cake (this time with an image of the vintage stained glass window) and other refreshments mainly contributed by staff members, and with vases of flowers donated from staff gardens. (August in New England, by the way, is NOT the best time for that frugal approach! Our gardens were pretty depleted by then. Given a second chance, the committee agreed it would have been wise to solicit the help of the local garden club for floral displays, or to budget for them.)



Derry Public Library DPL

Celebrating 100 Years
1905 - 2005

August 10, 2005

*Honoring the past...
Preparing for the future*



CELEBRATING A CENTURY

Derry Public Library marks 100th anniversary

BY JULIE HUSS
STAFF WRITER

It was a great week to be in Derry.

The date was Aug. 10, the year 1905, and the community of Derry was making the local headlines with a circus in town, a local fisherman nabbing a 3-foot eel in Beaver Lake, and solid gold rings being sold by a jewelry merchant for a mere 60 cents.

Another big story was taking shape that week, but it didn't get the same press as all the other small town happenings. On Aug. 10, 1905, the Derry Public Library opened its doors to patrons.

Now, a century later, the library is celebrating its centennial milestone and honored its past, present, and future with history, parties, barbershop music and plenty of memories of the last 100 years.

On Wednesday, community leaders, patrons, friends, and staff gathered at the Adams Memorial Building to officially say "Happy Birthday" to the library. Birthday cake and fond remembrances were offered as the celebration began.

"It's doing a great job," Derry resident Ralph Bonner said of the library. "It's keeping up to date with the times, and they are always willing to help."

Bonner's sentiments were shared by many, including town historian Richard Holmes, who spoke to visitors Wednesday as part of the centennial celebration. He described how the library started in a lower level room in the Adams Memorial Building. The Derry population at that time was a few thousand people; the library started with 1,229 books in its collection, purchased with a gift of \$1,000 from resident Rosencrans Pillsbury. More than 1,000 people held borrowers' cards.



CHERYL SENTER/Staff photo

Derry Public Library Director Cheryl Lynch sported a giant hat with candles that lit up to help lead the parade up Broadway from the Adams Memorial Building, first home of the Derry library, to its current building, as part of Wednesday's library centennial celebration.

LIBRARY: Derry institution celebrates 100th birthday

Continued from Page 1

Holmes said that first library loaned many, many books to the town's readers. When shelves began to look a bit sparse, and with so many books out on loan, the town took action by hiring Bill Taylor, a decorated Civil War veteran, who took on the job of "retriever of books."

As the town's numbers grew and the library's resources began to grow, library officials soon realized that a new space might be needed to house the Derry Public Library. Wealthy philanthropist Henry MacGregor, a descendant of one of the town's founding fathers, Rev. James MacGregor, willed money for the town to construct a new library building — now the library's home on East Broadway.

Today, the library is going strong, with more than 88,000 books on its shelves and 150,000 patrons coming through the doors to check out thousands and thousands of books, CDs, tapes and other materials.

"Usually there is a line with me in it at the Reference Desk," Holmes said.

He added, "Happy Birthday to the Derry Public Library. You sure don't look your age."

Holmes's presentation was followed by Da Vinci Institute futurist Thomas Frey, who offered his views on the future of libraries. He said present-day libraries are changing, transforming themselves from a center of information to a center of community culture. And he surmised that if Leonardo da Vinci could have used the resources of a library, perhaps his most famous drawings and collections would not have been lost over the centuries.

"This is the role libraries play," Frey said, "archiving what we have today."

When the presentations ended, the party carried on into the streets of Derry, as a procession from that original library space to the current library marched down the sidewalks of Broadway, led by bagpiper Jim Lundt. Close behind,

carrying a Derry Public Library banner, were library Director Cheryl Lynch and Holmes, both sporting hats sure to capture the attention of passers-by. When the walkers arrived at the library, Assistant Director Jack Robillard cut a ceremonial ribbon to mark the library's second 100 years.

The library celebrated for the remainder of the day with cake, snacks, punch, and a birthday party for its youngest patrons in the lower level Children's Room. Children were able to make birthday hats, enjoy more cake, and bring birthday gifts for the library, including craft supplies, books, crayons and glue sticks.

Sandy Langlais of Derry said she brings her two daughters, Brittany, 6, and Nicole, 8, to the library on a regular basis to enjoy the extensive children's programming and events.

"We come here about two times a week," she said. "They do a lot of great things for the kids, a lot of good programs. It keeps them busy."

Ten-year-old Ryan Butler said he likes to come to the library because he just likes to read.

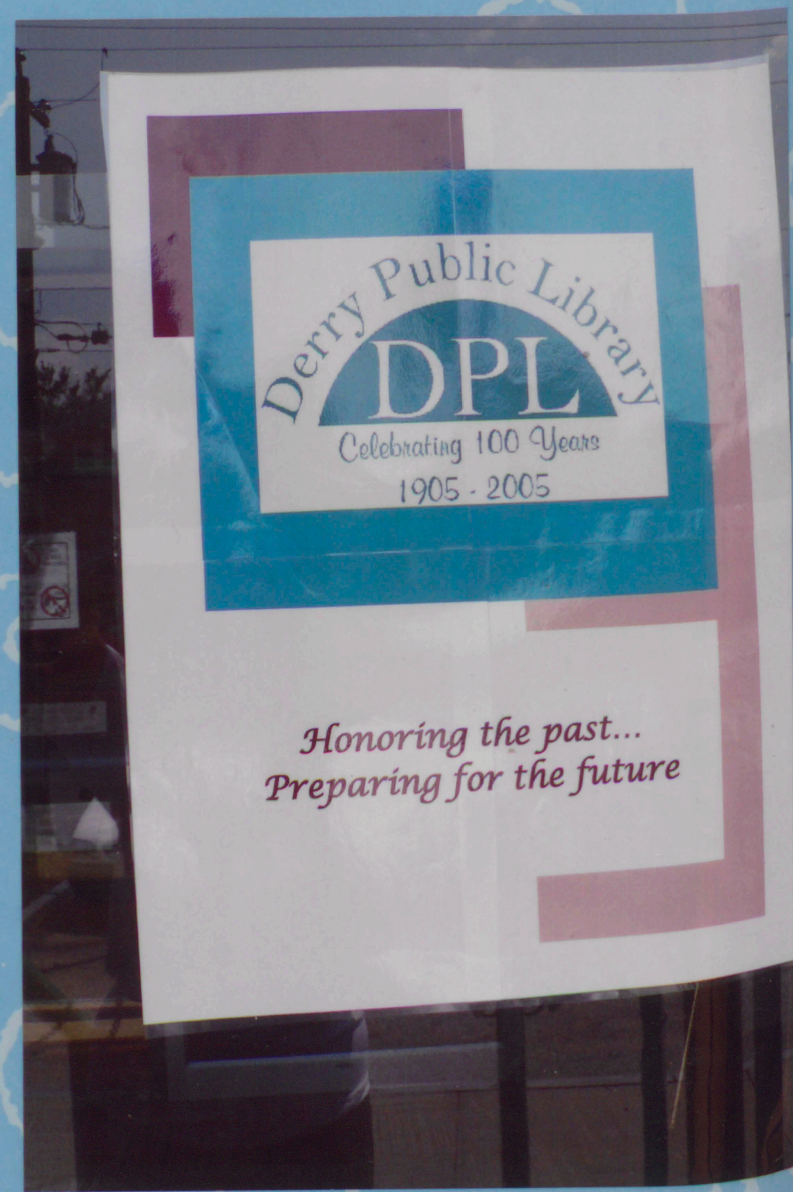
"I like to take out books," he said during the centennial birthday party Wednesday. His friend, Alex Davis, also an avid reader, said he liked to keep up on his summer reading and had already completed 26 books as part of the library's annual summer reading program for children. Ryan said it was sometimes tough to keep up with his buddy Alex, because he was the top reader in the class. Both boys will attend the new Barka Elementary School in Derry this fall.

Library staff thanked their supporters through the years who had worked hard to make the Derry Public Library 100 years strong.

"We've grown, adapted, moved, and we've reinvented ourselves many times over the years," Robillard told visitors Wednesday. "Thanks to the supporters who have championed the cause of the library and what the library stood for."



Cheryl Lynch
Director





Thomas Frey

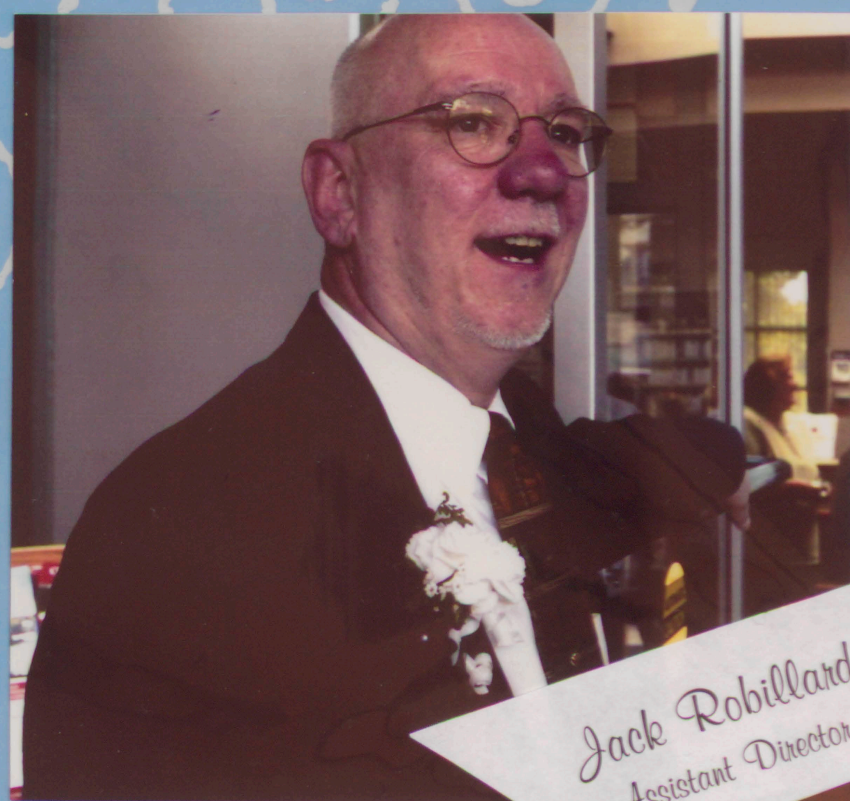


Joan Padachowski
Paul Löffler
Trustees

A ribbon cutting ceremony upon the arrival of the guests led everyone into the Library proper where we held a reception with another huge sheet cake (this time with an image of the vintage stained glass window) and other refreshments mainly contributed by staff members, and with vases of flowers donated from staff gardens.



T.J. Paten, Vicki Hill,
Janet Coombs, Norma Bursaw



Jack Robillard
Assistant Director



you're
invited

to a Birthday Party!

**When: 1:00pm, August 10th,
2005**

Where: Children's Room

**It's the Derry Public Library's
100th Birthday!**

In the afternoon, the Children's Room held a Birthday Party for the children of Derry, who were encouraged to bring birthday presents of craft supplies for the department. Yet one more sheet cake (with a birthday theme) was supplied by the Friends, along with other refreshments. Games and party hats contributed to the festive event. Over a hundred children and parents attended.

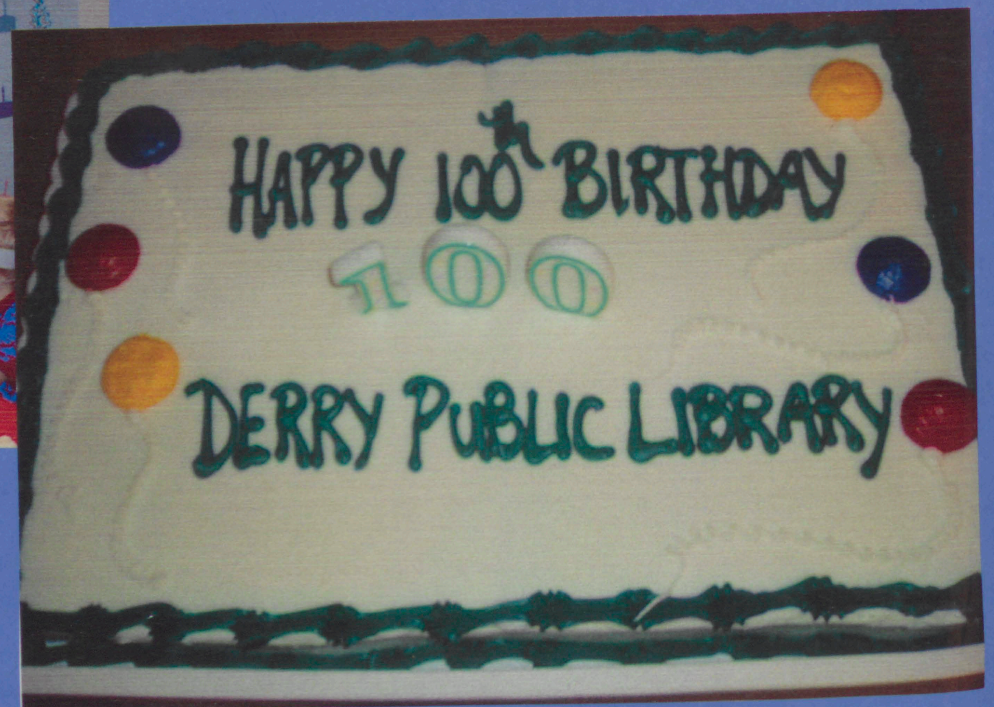


Come in and celebrate the
Derry Public Library's 100th Birthday!
We'll have cake, punch, and party favors!

It wouldn't be a birthday party without presents, right? Well, if you can, we have a wishlist of presents that you can give the library for its birthday, like

- books (new or used)
- coloring books
- glue/glue sticks
- crayons
- kid's scissors
- other craft supplies

Thank you!
We hope to see you here!





Derry Public Library
Celebrating 100 Years
1905 - 2005



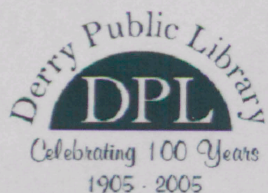
**Derry Public Library
Centennial Program !**

“3 Voices”

**Rebecca Rule,
Maren Tirabassi,
Diana Durham**

**Present “The Grail,
the Rock, & the Wardrobe”**

**Wednesday, August 10
7:00 p.m.**



**Derry Public Library
Centennial Program !**

64 E. Broadway
Derry, NH 03038
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Free and open to all !

Join us to wind down our Centennial Celebration with this presentation by 3 of New Hampshire's leading poets & humorists.

“3 Voices” will perform a word collage celebrating the music and magic of poetry and story and the glories of the world of books, with a salute to some of literature's greatest and well-known writers.

To conclude the Centennial Celebration, a trio of New Hampshire Authors known as "3 Voices" performed their program called "The Rock, the Grail and the Wardrobe", which was a "voice collage" of readings from their published works and those of their favorite authors - kind of a book-related theme for the Library's party. One of the three, humorist Rebecca Rule, was an extremely popular New Hampshire performer whose programs are always well attended. Over 30 people were present, and rave reviews were given afterwards.

NUTFIELD NEWS 8/18/05



'The Terrain of the Subconscious'

STEPHEN BEALE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Diana Durham, Maren Tirabassi, and Rebecca Rule produced a literary performance as the closing act of the Derry Public Library's centennial last week.

Durham is the author of *To the End of Night*, an anthology of poems, and *The Return of King Arthur*. Tirabassi is the former Poet Laureate of Portsmouth. Her books include *New Voices* and *The Depth*

of Wells. Rule has written *The Best Revenge*, a collection of short stories.

The three New Hampshire-based authors read poems, short stories, and reflections on literature. Speaking of the King Arthur legend, Durham told an audience of approximately 30 people that "Merlin represents the resurjective power that can be trapped in us."



Although the August 10th celebration concluded the special programming we scheduled for the year, the anniversary year continued. Our new logo was used on redesigned Library cards with key chain tags which new borrowers received automatically and existing cardholders could upgrade to for a small fee. Matching Tyvek card sleeves were purchased for us by the Friends of the Derry Public Libraries. Three light post banners for our parking area were designed by staff and professionally produced. These banners, featuring the new logo and a stylized image of a child reading a book while sitting in one of the Library's Palladian style windows, were featured in an illustrated article in the local newspaper.

Derry Public Library always wants be more of a presence in Town, and another goal has been to increase interaction with the other Town Departments. This isn't always easy or obvious since the other Departments' functionality is very different from ours. In the end, Parks and Recreation participated by coordinating the barbershop quartet concert, the Fire Department offered their honor guard, and the Police Department guarded us as we marched through a major intersection. The Derry Museum of History (managed by the Town's Heritage Commission) created a special display in their Town hall showcase. Town managers were individually invited and many attended the celebration, and everyone was pleased at the high level of newspaper coverage we received in our four local/regional newspapers.



*Derry News, Page 4,
Wednesday, June 15, 2005*

A chance to help out

The Derry Public Library celebrates its first century in August, and is in the midst of a campaign to preserve one of its most visible features — the MacGregor stained-glass window — as well as to upgrade its fireplace and obtain more shelving for its growing New Hampshire collection.

With hopes of getting the window repaired, the fireplace work completed and the shelving in place, the library is seeking help from local residents and businesses in the form of financial contributions to the effort.

Derry's main library and its adjoining park are part of the community, thanks to a donation from a member of the founding family, the MacGregors. Now, the residents of Derry have the chance to play a role in preserving and enhancing the library, and for a relatively small sum. The cost for the entire project — all three items — is \$20,000.

Libraries, particularly in New England, are often things of beauty. They're also more than a repository for books. They're a place where children learn about books before they can read, where schoolchildren go to research school projects — these days, often with the aid of one of the library's computers — and where people of all ages gather for enrichment programs. As the American Library Association Web site points out, libraries bring us the world. And yes, they remain places for people of all ages to check out a book or two of their own choosing, or to while away a few hours and read.

The Derry Public Library will mark its centennial in August, regardless of whether the stained-glass window is repaired, the fireplace is ready for winter, and the shelves are in place. It's been a good century, one of devoted public use. But helping the library to mark the occasion by getting the building looking its best for the next 100 years is a great way to celebrate the place of libraries in our lives.

*Derry News, Page 2,
Tuesday, September 28, 2005*

Library preservation continues

By JULIE HUSS
STAFF WRITER

DERRY — Some historical gems at the Derry Public Library will be getting a facelift soon.

As part of the library's centennial celebration, the historic MacGregor stained glass window and fireplace will be repaired and shelving will be added to the New Hampshire Room.

The library, which just celebrated its 100th birthday, opened in Derry on Aug. 10, 1905 in a small room at the Adams Memorial Building on West Broadway.

The preservation project is part of the official centennial observance. According to library assistant director Jack Robillard, the projects are on track and fund raising is still ongoing.

Grant money from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts is expected in the next several weeks to finance the MacGregor stained glass window project, Robillard said. Once the funding is in place, the window will be removed and taken to the Lyn Hovey Studios in Boston for crack repairing, re-leading of the glass, and replacement of pieces shattered from age.

The window was a gift to the library from the Henry F. MacGregor family. In his 1923 will, MacGregor left provisions to construct a new building to house the Derry library and its collections. The MacGregor library building opened in 1927. An addition was added in 1990 and the stained glass window was reinstalled during the addition.

The window contains the MacGregor coat of arms and shows the American Opalescent style of stained glass, full of red, gold, brown, and green glass.

The library's 1926 fireplace was installed as the gift of Elsie Gaskin Griffin, who had served as a librarian for 20 years by that date. Over the decades, the fireplace fell into disrepair and disuse.

The library hopes to bring the fireplace back to life by adding a gas log insert and a new lining for the flue.

Energy North is donating the fireplace insert, but the flue must be relined to comply with fire codes, Robillard said.

The third part of the preservation funding project is the addition of shelving to the library's New Hampshire Room, where the most historic library documents and archival materials are stored. This study room is also dedicated to local history and genealogy collections, including collections of famous Derry citizens Alan B. Shepard and Robert Frost.

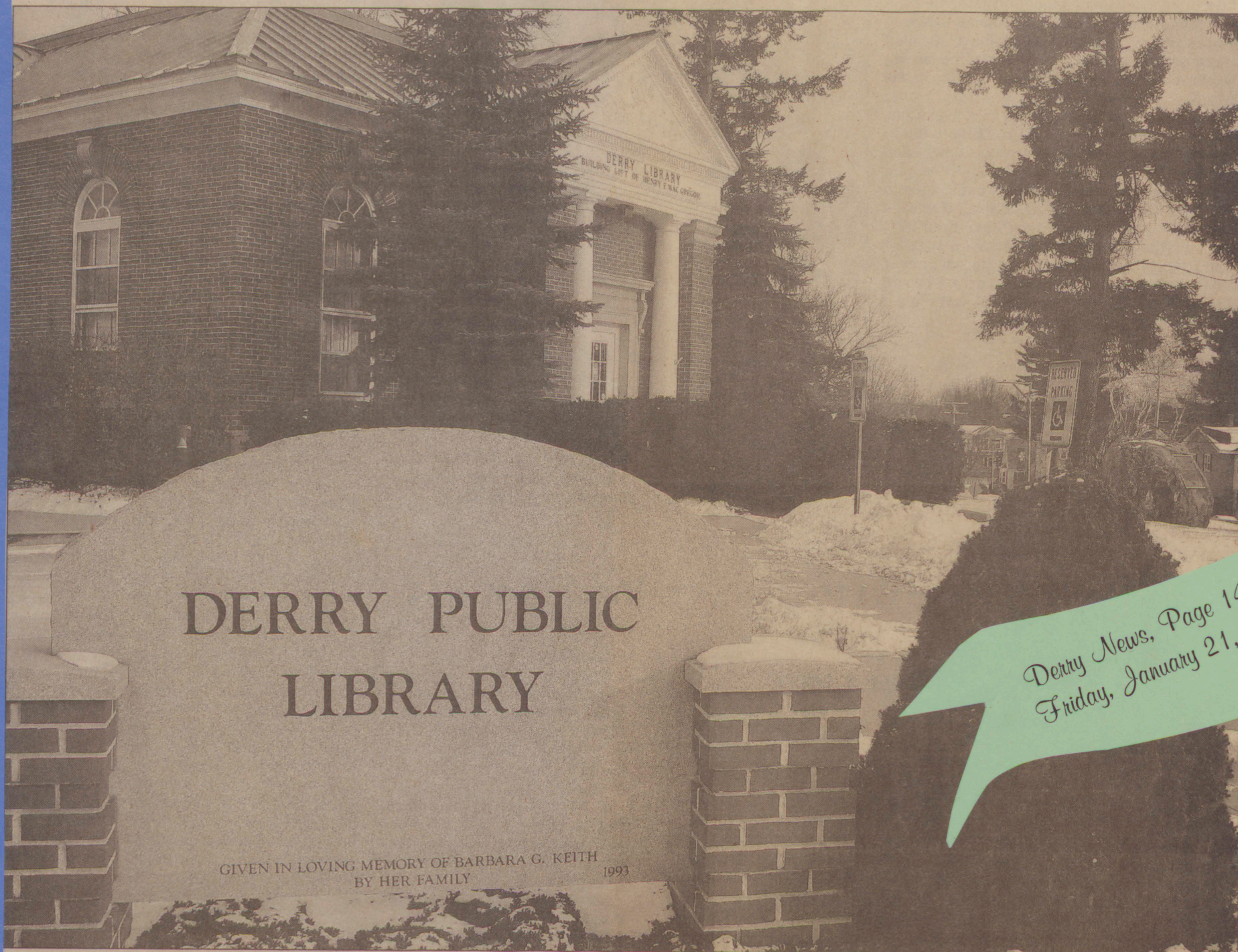
Some of the shelving is original and more was added later. The new shelving will match the original mahogany bookcases, Robillard said.

More than \$11,000 has been raised so far for the entire preservation project, Robillard said, which includes grant money and in-kind donations for the fireplace.

Robillard said the library's staff was pleased with the centennial celebration last month and said it helped cement the role the library continues to play as a viable town organization after 100 years.

For information on the library, or to learn more about donating to the centennial preservation projects, call 432-6140.

Life & Times

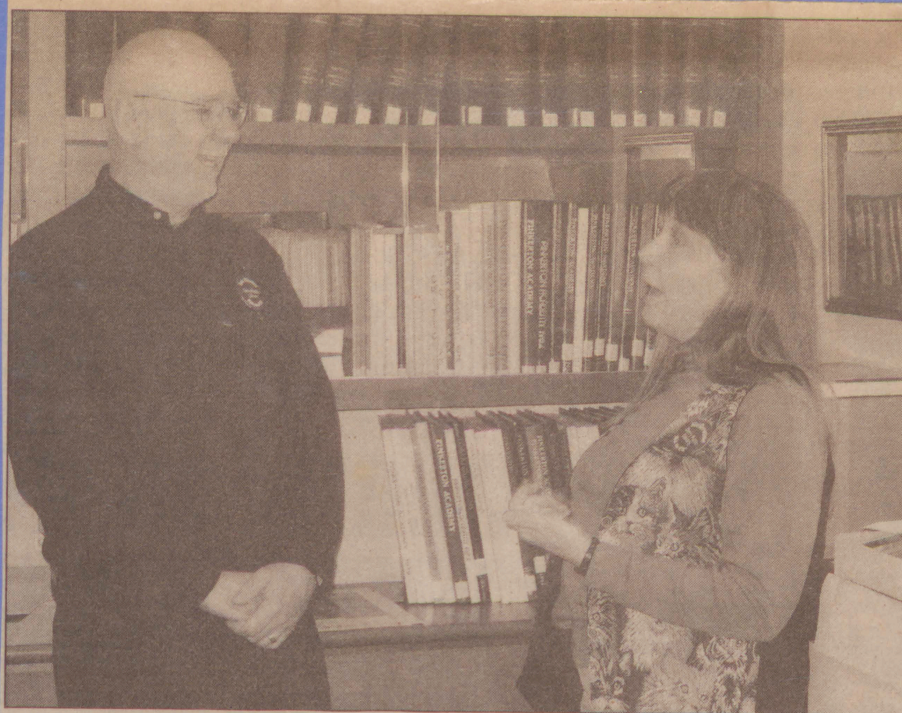


*Derry News, Page 14,
Friday, January 21, 2005*

The Derry Public Library is celebrating 100 years this year and offers the community a vast resource of information on the town and the state's history. The library is looking for donations to help complete its special New Hampshire Room collection of archives and town documents.

ULIE HUSS/Staff photo

DERRY LIBRARY CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



JULIE HUSS/Staff photo

Library staffers Jack Robillard and Sherry Bailey stand in the New Hampshire Room at the library. The room is full of Derry history, old documents, reports, and data useful for researchers and history lovers.

Library hopes to enhance its New Hampshire Room collection during its centennial year

By JULIE HUSS
STAFF WRITER

On a typical winter afternoon, the Derry Public Library is muted and calm but still a flurry of activity.

Amid the rows of periodicals, the shelves of books, the walls of public notices, and the computer stations, there is a sense of peace, a small-town feel, and quiet spaces in the corner for curling up with a good read. Sometimes a mother chases down a wandering toddler, students find spots for a quick final study, and teens learn about creative writing and Japanese animation. It's all in an afternoon's work at the library.

The Derry Public Library is celebrating 100 years in 2005 and offers programs, events, workshops, seminars and community resources that are suited to all ages. The library is growing as it enters its centennial milestone.

One area of the library that continues to grow and needs input from the community is the New Hampshire Room collection. Located in the library's newest part and opened to the public in 1990, the New Hampshire Room is the repository of the library's most historic collections, archives and genealogical information. This room is home to many items of historical interest to the Derry and surrounding areas, including history books, old yearbooks, town records, legal records, maps, school district reports, state papers and other archival material dealing with Derry and the state.

The library is now hoping people might

want to donate items of interest to include in the New Hampshire Room, including old copies of the *Derry News*, pre-1900; Pinkerton Academy yearbooks, pre-1973; any material pertaining to Robert Frost, or Albert Byrne Jr. ("Buddy Stewart"), and anything about the history of Derry or its citizens that might be useful to researchers, or those who use the room for genealogical research and other fact-finding missions.

Because a public library is a rich resource for information of all kinds, the Derry library staff is hoping there are people out there who might have something of interest to donate so the collections can be updated, added to, and maintained for everyone to enjoy.

"The New Hampshire Room focus is on Derry history and, to a lesser extent, New Hampshire history," library reference staffer Sherry Bailey said. "It's available for the public to use."

The room is set off in the library's newest addition and is filled with information. Books and periodicals take their place behind a glass-fronted bookshelf. A large portrait of Derry baseball icon George "Lefty" Tyler hangs on one wall, portraits of the Stark brothers face him from the other. A historic stained glass window keeps watch over the room, taken from a home belonging to library benefactor and philanthropist Henry MacGregor, who bequeathed this parcel of land on East Broadway for the library to be built on. MacGregor, a descendant of one of Derry's first settlers, Rev. James MacGregor, left provisions in his will in 1923 to give Derry a new library building.



JULIE HUSS/Staff photo

This historic stained glass window was donated to the Derry Public Library from the MacGregor family, who bequeathed money to build a new library building on East Broadway in the early 1920s. The window is now housed in the New Hampshire Room at the library.

The library was previously housed in the Adams Memorial Building on West Broadway. The new library space would adjoin a public park, MacGregor's will stated, and also be named for the MacGregor family.

The colorful window, with the MacGregor coat of arms cut in its glass, is a focal point in the New Hampshire Room.

Bailey said the room's collections include an "almost" complete collection of Derry town reports, many yearbooks and other pertinent information.

Items needed to boost the room's collection include old phone directories, city directories, old copies of newspapers, postcards, anything with pictures, and anything that lists local businesses of the past or deals with Derry.

One thing Bailey said the room needs is a copy of the prominent "Wiley's Book of Nutfield" and, although the library has two copies of the famed local history, others are needed.

"We have two copies going in for conservation work," Bailey said, adding the books

are in dire need of repair. "Once those are gone, they're gone."

Some other things of interest to researchers and people who frequent the room is a acquisition of an old Adams Female Academy manuscript, dated around 1927 which includes handwritten essays, and a list of the students who attended the school at that time.

"They are amusing," Bailey said of the Adams documents, "but they are a little chunk of Derry history."

Anything with historical interest can be considered for the New Hampshire Room, Bailey said.

The room is a resource and open to the public, but people who wish to enter need to sign in as to protect the integrity and condition of the library's archive.

"We restrict the access a little," Bailey said, "but it's open to anyone to use."

For more information on the library's New Hampshire Room collection or to learn more about what can be donated to the library, call 432-6140.

Library restoration to be part of centennial

BY JULIE HUSS

STAFF WRITER

DN 7/13/05

DERRY — The Derry Public Library is about to turn 100 years old.

On Aug. 10 of this year, the library celebrates a century of service to the town of Derry and will host special events and speakers to honor its birthday.

The library began in one room at the Adams Memorial Building on Broadway and now takes up residence in the brick facility next to MacGregor Park on East Broadway.

The theme for the centennial

celebration is "Honoring the Past, While Preparing for the Future" and in keeping with the theme, the library is in the midst of a fundraising campaign to raise money for three preservation projects that need attention to retain historical integrity and preserve the library's links to the past.

The three areas of the library that are earmarked for refurbishment are the MacGregor stained glass window, hanging in the library's historic New Hampshire room, and in need of restoration work. The window is a late-19th-

century treasure and was a gift from the MacGregor family, whose patriarch funded the current library in 1923 and now is suffering from age, and needs glass repair and new leading at a cost of \$10,000 to \$12,000. Also in need of work is the library's 1926 fireplace, where readers once gathered in front of a fire for some reading time. The chimney must be relined and a new gas insert must be installed to help restore the fireplace for more reading by the fire time, at an estimated cost of \$4,000 to \$4,500. The library also hopes to revamp the

New Hampshire Room, which houses the library's artifacts and papers on Derry history. The room needs additional shelving and archival storage cabinets at a cost of \$3,000 to \$3,500.

The complete restoration and refurbishment goal at the library to complete these projects is \$20,000. Donations received prior to the Aug. 10 centennial will be acknowledged at the official events. Pledge forms and information are available at the library. Call 432-6140 for a complete list of special centennial events.

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Wednesday, July 27, 2005

CENTENNIAL

Derry Public Library ready to celebrate

The Derry Public Library will celebrate its centennial on Aug. 10 and is marking the milestone with two days of free events.

The party kicks off Aug. 9 with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. in MacGregor Park sponsored by H.P. Hood. A concert featuring the Granite Statesman Barbershop Chorus is at 7 p.m.

The following day, events continue at 9:30 a.m. with a musical performance by the Londonderry High School Honors String Quartet at the library's original home, the Adams Memorial Building Opera House. After music and coffee, the library will host a lecture at 10 a.m. by Thomas Frey, executive director of the DaVinci Institute, Louisville, Colo., in the Adams Memorial Building Opera House. He will discuss the future of libraries in a technological world.

At 1 p.m. on Aug. 10, there will be a birthday party for youth in the library's Children's Room with cake, punch and party favors. Children may bring a gift of a book donation or art supplies. The celebrations wrap up at 7 p.m. in the library's Paul Collette Meeting Room with a performance by 3 Voices — New Hampshire poets and humorists Rebecca Rule, Maren Tirabassi, and Diana Durham — called "The Grail, the Rock and the Wardrobe."

For more information:
Derry Public Library, 432-6140.

—Elise Castelli,
Union Leader Correspondent

Preservation efforts include fireplace, window at library

BY JULIE HUSS

STAFF WRITER

DERRY — If all goes according to plan this week, the Derry Public Library will be sending off one of its precious possessions for repair, and adding some new fuel to a historic fireplace.

As part of its centennial year celebration, the library is undergoing a preservation project that involves the repair of the MacGregor stained glass window and the addition of a gas log insert to the building's 1926 brick fireplace.

According to Sherry Bailey of the library's reference department, the MacGregor window is tentatively scheduled to be removed later this week and transported to the Lyn Hovey Studio in Boston, which specializes in historic restorations.

The window has approximately 50 glass breaks that will be mended with epoxy edge gluing techniques at the Hovey facility. In addition, some previous repairs will be reinforced to help the window maintain its strength and historical integrity for decades to come.

The window was taken from the MacGregor home in Texas and installed in the library's addition in 1990. Henry F. MacGregor was a philanthropist who left money in his will in 1923 for the library, as well as the adjoining park on East Broadway.

The stained glass window and its MacGregor coat-of-arms design are an integral part of the library's New Hampshire Room, the study room dedicated to local history and genealogy collections. The room houses the library's archival collections of Alan B. Shepard and Robert Frost, among other documents.

In addition to the window repair, the fireplace restoration work is taking place. The fireplace was the gift of Elsie Gaskin Griffin, a former Derry librarian.

The centennial restoration project began months ago and was a focal point during the library's 100th birthday celebration this summer.

For information about the Derry Public Library's preservation projects, call 432-6140.

Derry News, Wednesday,
November 30, 2005

Library readies for its 100th birthday, receives PSNH gift

By JULIE HUSS
STAFF WRITER

DERRY — Derry Public Library is getting ready to celebrate its birthday, and it's a big one.

The library officially turns 100 years old next week, and received an early gift from Public Service of New Hampshire. PSNH awarded the library \$500 to use as part of its Centennial Preservation Fund, money that is going toward refurbishment and repair of several of the library's most prized possessions, including the historic MacGregor stained glass window, and the library's fireplace.

"We wanted to do something," PSNH's Elizabeth LaRocca said as she presented the check to library staff. "Recognizing the 100th anniversary, this only comes once."

LaRocca said PSNH wanted to support the preservation efforts at the library and hopes other businesses will also offer support.

Library Director Cheryl Lynch said the PSNH gift was greatly appreciated and the library has reached about 43 percent of its total funding goal.

Derry Public Library had its beginnings in the Adams Memorial Building on Broadway. The library was established for shoe factory workers and other West Derry residents when, in 1901, Benjamin Adams left a bequest to the town of Derry for \$10,000 to be used to build the Benjamin Adams Memorial Building, which was to contain a public hall and "suitable rooms for the keeping of the town library." It was also to house town offices and a fire-proof vault for storage of town records.

Another local philanthropist, Rosencrans Pillsbury, gave \$1,000 for the establishment of a library collection. Town Council accepted the gifts, established a board of trustees, allocated \$500 for furnishings and in 1905, Derry Public Library officially opened its doors for the first time.

In 1927, the library relocated to its home on East Broadway with a gift from Henry F. MacGregor. The library has continued to grow in the present space and added on in 1990.

Many special events are planned for next week with the theme, "Honoring the Past ...Preparing for the Future." On Aug. 9, the celebration begins with special viewings of historic library displays, followed by an evening gathering at 6:30 in neighboring MacGregor Park featuring an old-fashioned ice cream social with the Hood Dairy Co. offering Red Sox ice cream, and the Granitestatesmen Barbershop Chorus performing on the park stage at 7. The concert is hosted by Derry Parks and Recreation.

The following day, Aug. 10, the library celebrates its official birthday with special programming and events. The centennial celebration begins at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and a musical interlude, featuring the Londonderry High School Honors String Quartet at the Adams Memorial Building, the library's original home. At 10 a.m., Assistant Director Jack Robillard will welcome guests and offer opening remarks. Town historian Richard Holmes will speak on the "History of the Derry Public Library."

A keynote address follows, featuring Thomas Frey, a senior futurist and executive director with DaVinci Institute of Louisville, Colo., who will offer "The Future of Libraries — The Great Transformation." After the speech, the library director will read a proclamation from Gov. John Lynch.

Bagpiper Jim Lundt will then lead a procession from the Adams Memorial Building to the present library. There, refreshments will be served and tours will be conducted.

At 1 p.m., the Children's Room will host a 100th birthday party complete with cake and favors. Those who wish may bring a "present," such as a book donation, crayons, or other craft supplies the library can use.

At 7 p.m., the library rounds out its celebration with an appearance by Rebecca Rule, Maren Tirabassi and Diana Durham, "3 Voices," who will offer "The Grail, the Rock and the Wardrobe."

More information about the library's centennial events is available by calling 432-6140.

*Derry News, Wednesday,
August 3, 2005*



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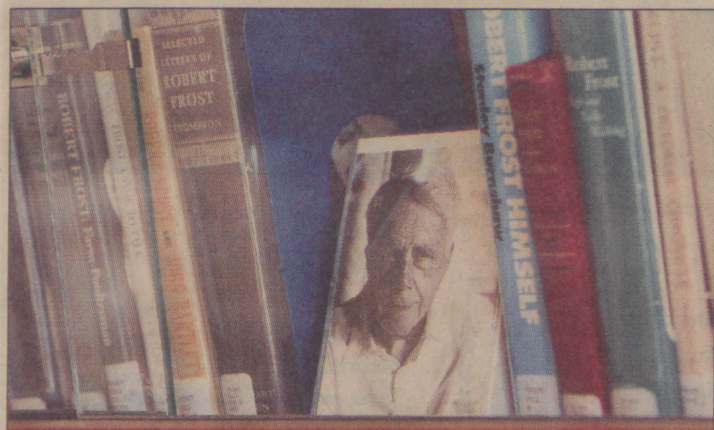
Derry Public Library Assistant Director Jack Robillard and Director Cheryl Lynch, right, accept a check for \$500 from Public Service of New Hampshire's community relations manager, Elizabeth LaRocca. The money will go to support the library's Centennial Preservation Fund.

HONORING THE PAST, PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

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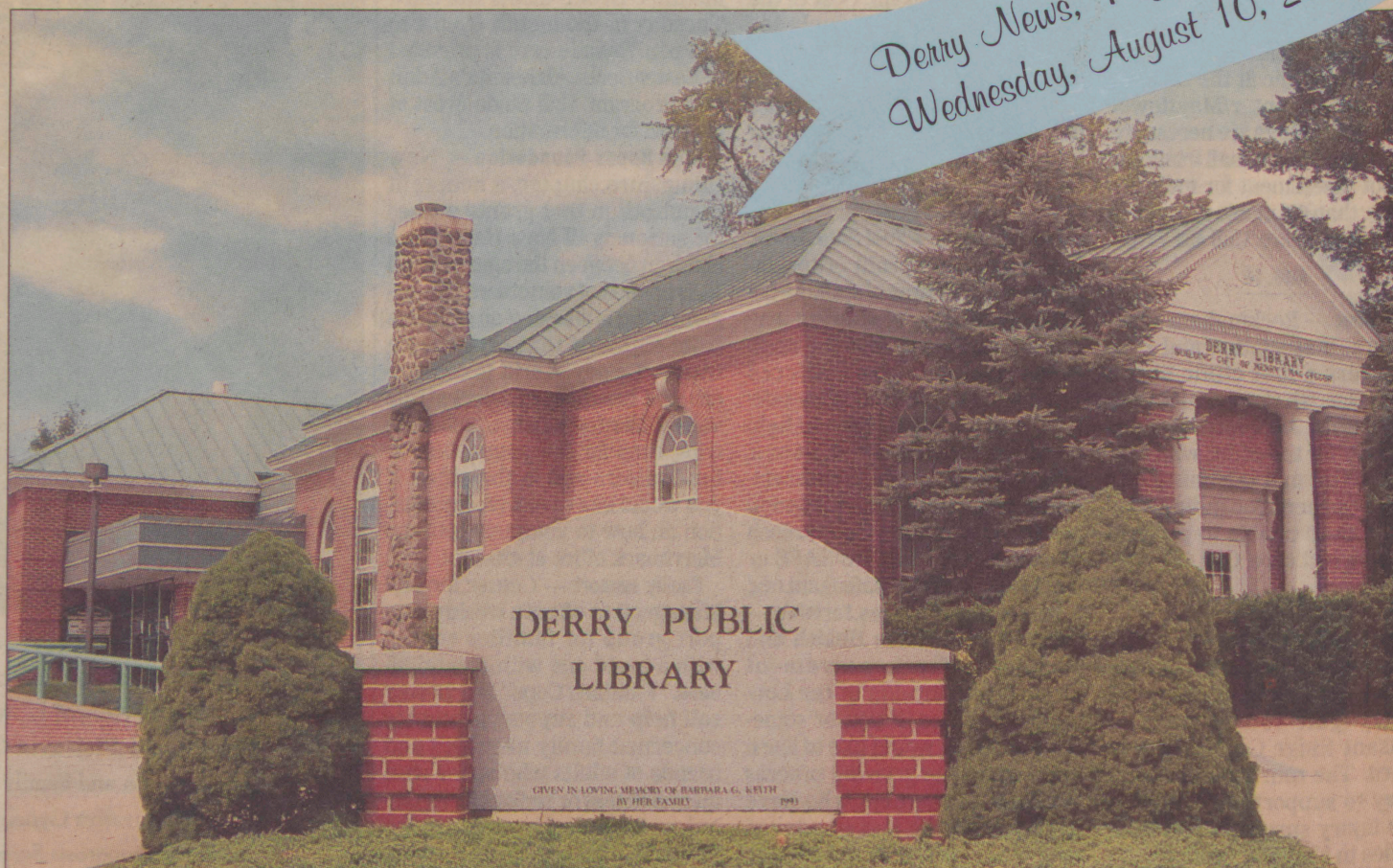


This stained glass window was a gift from the Henry MacGregor family. MacGregor was a major benefactor and left provisions in his will to construct the present library building on East Broadway.



CHERYL SENTER/Staff photo

A portrait of Robert Frost stands among historic books that line a shelf in the Derry Public Library's New Hampshire Room. The room houses the library's most historic materials.



JULIE HUSS/Staff photos

The Derry Public Library celebrates a century of service to the town of Derry on Aug. 10, 2005. The library now serves more than 22,000 cardholders, hosts programs, and offers services for all ages.

Derry Public Library celebrates 100 years

BY JULIE HUSS
STAFF WRITER

The town of Derry received a special gift 100 years ago today — a gift that has kept on giving through the decades, providing people of all ages with a chance to read, to learn, and to share in a special community resource.

Today, the Derry Public Library is celebrating its century milestone with special events and historical displays, "honoring the past...preparing for the future," as the official theme notes. With a rich history, as well as a strong focus on the future, the library continues to grow and change with the times, offering not only reading and reference materials to its patrons, but also computer access, special programs for children, teens, and adults; audio, video, journals and periodicals.

The first Derry Public Library opened in a small room in the Adams Memorial Building Aug. 10, 1905, with a \$1,000 gift from local philanthropist Rosencrans W.

Pillsbury to purchase books. The population of Derry was approximately 3,500 and in that first year, the library issued 922 library cards, had a collection of 1,229 books and loaned out 9,747 books.

In the century since, the books have remained and the services to the community have grown. The library remained in the Adams Building until 1925, when it moved to the present site at 64 East Broadway.

When wealthy capitalist Henry F. MacGregor died in 1923, his will made provisions for a new library building and adjoining park. The new building was erected, designed by George Adams of Lawrence, Mass., and the MacGregor Library Building opened in 1927. MacGregor was a descendant of one of Derry's founding fathers, Rev. James MacGregor.

As part of the new library design, a fireplace was installed in the building to serve as a warm spot for cold weather reading, a gift of Mrs. Elsie Gaskin Griffin, who had served as librarian for

CENTENNIAL EVENTS

All events are Aug. 10 at Adams Memorial Opera House, 29 West Broadway, first home of the Derry Public Library

9:30 to 10 a.m. — Arrival/coffee/music featuring Londonderry High School Honors String Quartet

10 a.m. — Opening remarks, Jack Robillard, Derry Public Library assistant director

10:05 a.m. — Derry Town Historian Rick Holmes speaks on the history of the Derry Public Library

10:15 to 11:15 a.m. — Keynote speaker Thomas Frey, senior futurist and executive director of the DaVinci Institute, speaks on "The Future of Libraries."

11:15 a.m. — Governor's proclamation and special recognition, Cheryl Lynch, Derry Public Library director

11:30 a.m. — Bagpiper James Lundt leads procession to the Derry Public Library, 64 East Broadway

Noon — Open house/historical displays at the Derry Public Library

7 p.m. — 3 Voices with Rebecca Rule, Maren Tirabassi, Diana Durham presenting "The Grail, the Rock, and the Wardrobe," a library/book-themed program of poetry, stories, and humor.

All events are open to the public and are free

20 years. The fireplace is being renovated as part of the centennial celebration, thanks to the library's preservation fund, and will be brought back to its original splendor, complete with a gas log insert so it can be used for fireside reading once again.

Another historic gem in the library — the MacGregor stained glass window — was taken from benefactor Henry MacGregor's Texas home and brought to the Derry Public Library. The window features the MacGregor family's coat of arms, and is an

example of secular American opalescent stained glass. The window requires repair work and is earmarked for funding from the centennial preservation fund.

An addition was built in 1990 and houses the library's most valuable historical collections. It more than quadrupled the space available, and The New Hampshire Room now houses the library's archival collections of Alan Shepard and Robert Frost, as well as antiques and other historic items from the area.

Today, Derry has a population of more than 34,000. The Derry Public Library is growing as well and today hosts a collection of approximately 123,296 items, including videos, audio books, and music CDs. The library has 22,048 cardholders and circulated 221,732 items last year to an average of 12,000 patrons who traveled through the library's doors each month.

Library Assistant Director Jack Robillard said the library will continue to grow in the next 100 years and will always be a fo-

cal point of the community. "This library has been a great community resource," he said. "We're hoping to bring it into the next century, adapting to the community's needs, as it has in the past."

Special events are planned all day today to honor the history of the Derry Public Library and celebrate its 100th year in town. From guest speakers and historical displays to birthday celebrations and special cakes, the library will be throwing itself a party and everyone is invited to attend. In addition, the library will also be announcing its new "WiFi" zone, where patrons can come into the library with laptops and connect to the Internet free.

For all the history the library has seen, the look toward the future is bright, according to the library's staff and those who frequent the library on a regular basis. Programming for children, teens and adults, as well as a wealth of knowledge, are only as far as your local library.

Setting up for a centennial celebration

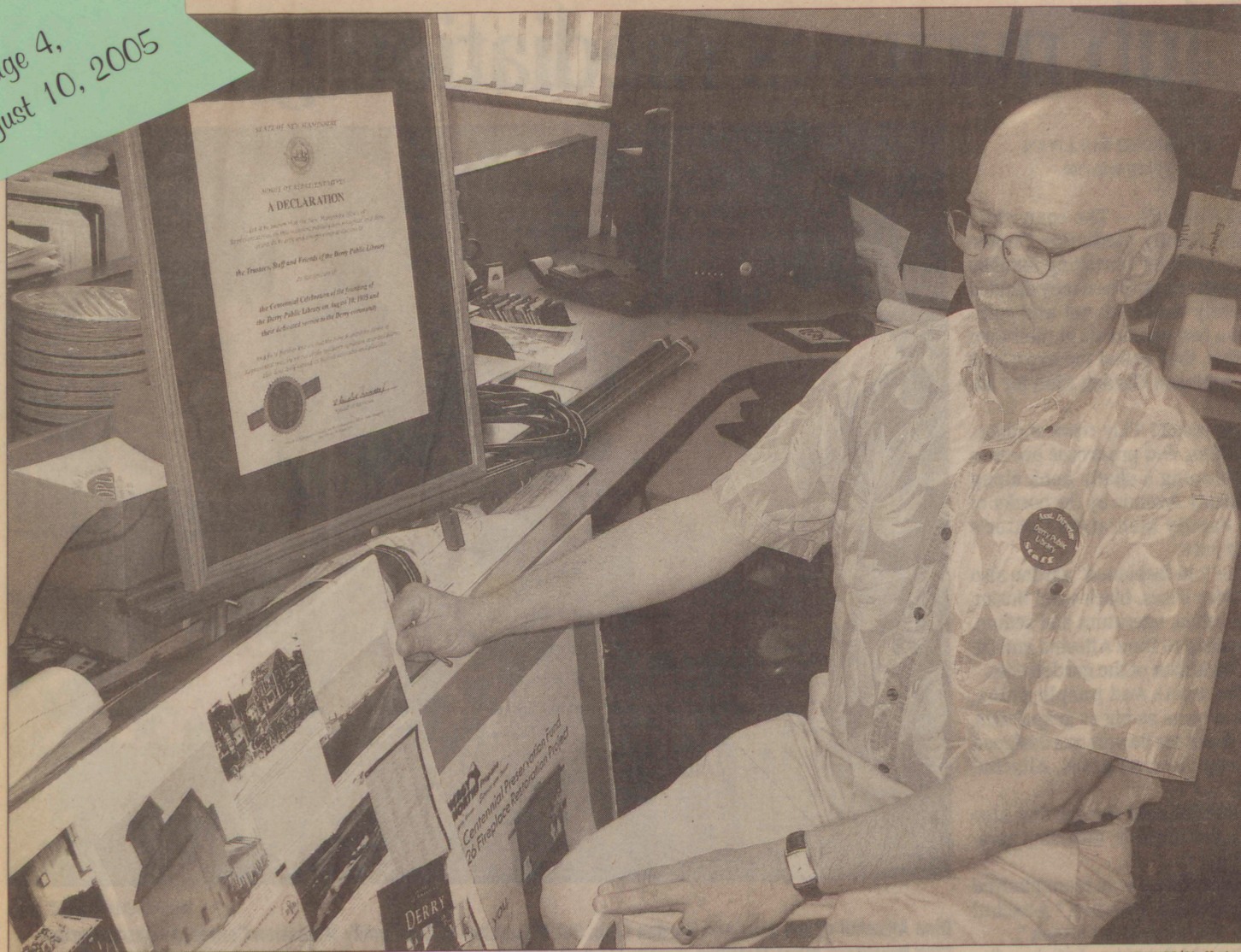


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Derry Public Library staffer Meryle Zusman is on decorating duty this week as the library gets ready to celebrate 100 years. Zusman has been working at the library for nine years. For more on the library centennial celebration, see Page 10.

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JULIE HUSS/Staff photo

Assistant Library Director Jack Robillard looks over displays that will be used in today's Derry Public Library centennial celebration.

Library celebrates centennial today

BY SHELLEY J. THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

DERRY — Happy 100th birthday to the Derry Public Library.

Since 1905, the library has gone from a single room in the Adams Memorial Building, where today's activities will begin, to its home at 64 East Broadway.

The theme is "Honoring the past. Preparing for the future." Director Cheryl Lynch said the library wanted the centennial to reflect on the library's past, but in preparing over the last few months the library realized the future was just as important.

Technology has changed a lot since the library opened its doors. Patrons search for books using a computer rather than the card catalog. Sixteen years ago the library had one computer. Today it has about 40 computers used for public Internet access and card catalog searching, Lynch said. And this week the library also got a new wire-

less network running.

Last night, the library held an ice cream social at MacGregor Park, sponsored by Hood Dairy. Hood once owned a farm in town.

The Granite Statesmen Barbershop Chorus also performed in the park as part of the celebration and the Derry Parks and Recreation Department's summer concert series.

This morning, town historian Richard Holmes will give the history of the library at the Adams Memorial Building. He will be followed by a speaker who will discuss the future of libraries as technology evolves. Following the program, participants will be led to the Derry Public Library by bagpiper Jim Lundt. Light refreshments will be served and visitors can tour the library.

This afternoon, children will gather for a birthday party in the Children's Room of the library, and there will be a program tonight.

TODAY'S CENTENNIAL EVENTS

Adams Memorial Opera House, 29 West Broadway, first home of the Derry Public Library

9:30 to 10 a.m. — Arrival/coffee/music featuring Londonderry High School Honors String Quartet

10 a.m. — Opening remarks, Jack Robillard, Derry Public Library assistant director

10:05 a.m. — Town historian Richard Holmes speaks on the history of the Derry Public Library

10:15 to 11:15 a.m. — Keynote speaker Thomas Frey, senior futurist and executive director of the DaVinci Institute, speaks on "The Future of Libraries."

11:15 a.m. — Governor's proclamation and special recognition, Cheryl Lynch, Derry Public Library director

11:30 a.m. — Bagpiper James Lundt leads procession to the Derry Public Library, 64 East Broadway

Noon — Open house/historical displays at the Derry Public Library

7 p.m. — 3 Voices with Rebecca Rule, Maren Tirabassi and Diana Durham presenting "The Grail, the Rock, and the Wardrobe," a library/book-themed program of poetry, stories, and humor; Derry Public Library

All events are open to the public and are free.

100 years of service

Honoring the past, preparing for the future.

That's the slogan chosen for the Derry Public Library's centennial celebration, which culminates today's (Wednesday's) full slate of festivities. It's a catchy set of words, but it's also a description of the role a library plays in its community, and the role the Derry library plays in this town.

Libraries preserve our history, so that in spite of the political whims of the day, the written record of our past remains intact.

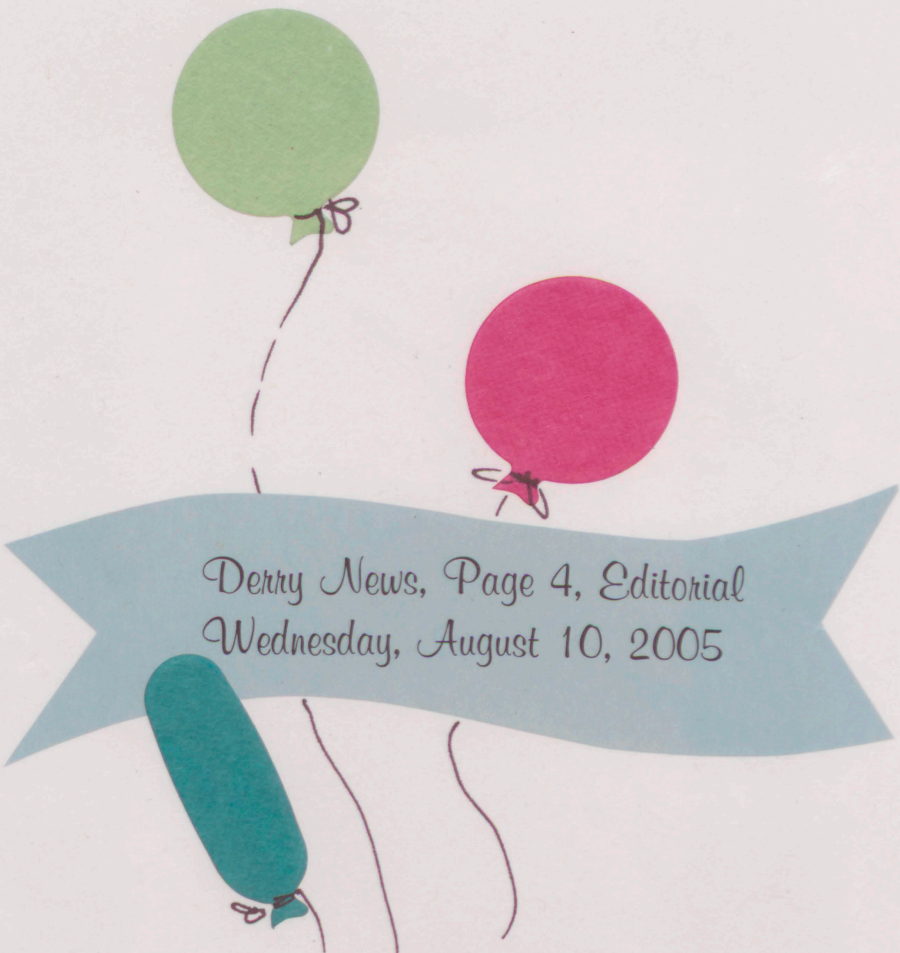
They keep pace with our changing technology — never losing focus on the written word, but adding video, Internet, and audio services to make sure we can find the information we want in the style that best suits us.

That's all in line with the slogan chosen to honor the centennial, but in Derry, it goes one step better. The library building is a gift from the MacGregor family, the founding family of this community. The building is rich in history, and the centennial fundraising campaign was based in part on a need to keep one of the visible reminders of that history — the stained glass window — preserved for generations to come. Today, we honor that past, and look forward to that future.

The Derry library never loses sight of its role in preserving the past while helping to prepare the citizens of this community for whatever the future holds.

Whether by book acquisition, community programming, or improved Internet access, the library also plays a role in the town's growth.

From its prominent position on East Broadway, the Derry Public Library has been a gathering place for the community. If you haven't paid it a visit, the occasion of today's festivities is a good time to start the habit.



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Opinion



If you've come to know it as a favorite place, don't stop now. From preschoolers tagging shyly along after their mothers to their first storyhours, to adults spending a few hours of an evening listening to a lecture about Derry history or going through travel books for a planned vacation, a visit to the library is a routine worth developing.

And don't forget that the Derry library, like public libraries everywhere, is free and open to all. It's a storehouse of information, with no strings — and no restrictions or biases — attached.

A society that values learning and open access to information values its libraries. Opening the door of a library at any age can open your mind to things you may never have known existed. That's what learning is all about. And that's what libraries are all about.

For its service for the past 100 years, and for its service in years to come, we congratulate the Derry Public Library on the occasion of its first 100 years.



Library opens new chapter

Derry celebrates 100 years of reading

BY SHELLEY J. THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

DERRY — Opening the library to its next 100 years, Jack Robillard, assistant Derry Public Library director, cut a ceremonial ribbon at the library's home.

Yesterday marked the 100th anniversary of the Derry Public Library, and to commemorate the event, the library held a daylong celebration that looked at its past and considered the future of libraries.

Education, reading and writing were important to the Scot-Irish settlers who founded the Nutfield settlement, which is present-day Derry and Londonderry. Derry historian Richard Holmes said the 16 founding families left Ireland in 1719 because the British wouldn't allow them to educate their children. Every one of those pioneers could read and write, he said, at the opening ceremony at the Adams Memorial Building.

"They wanted education," he told those gathered at the event.

Within a few years of the settlement, a 12-by-16-foot schoolhouse was built. He said private libraries began cropping up in town by the 1790s and local churches started libraries for their parishioners.

The first public library in Derry was opened

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CHERYL SENTER/Staff photo

Bagpiper Jim Lundt led the Derry Public Library's centennial celebration from its original home in the Adams Memorial Building to its present home on East Broadway. Town historian Richard Holmes, who was a featured speaker at yesterday's event, and library Director Cheryl Lynch hold the library banner at the front of the procession. Waving in the background is Assistant Director Jack Robillard.

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in 1878 through a bequest by Harriet Taylor, said Holmes, adding, however, that the town's population soon began to shift west as the shoe factories opened on Broadway. By the 1880s, about 80 percent of Derry's population was within walking distance of Broadway.

A resident at the time wrote a letter to the editor of the Derry News that said the two-hour walk to East Derry wasn't worth it to get a book, said Holmes, noting residents of East Derry didn't want to move the Taylor Library. He added one resident suggested in a Derry News letter that the mill owners build their own library.

In 1901, lumber mill owner Benjamin Adams made a \$10,000 donation to build the Adams Memorial Building with a public hall, town offices, a fire-proof vault for storage of records and space for a library.

But where to put the library became a matter for the courts. Town selectmen wanted the library in the western part of town, but East Derry residents said Adams was born in, lived in, died in and was buried in East Derry. The courts ultimately said the selectmen should decide, and the building stands on West Broadway.

Rosencrans Pillsbury, a local factory owner, donated the land for the Adams building and added \$1,000 to begin the collection.

The library opened its doors on Aug. 10, 1905. The library's 1,229 books were borrowed nearly

More in words and pictures
on the Derry Public Library
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10,000 times, Holmes said — each book was loaned about nine times.

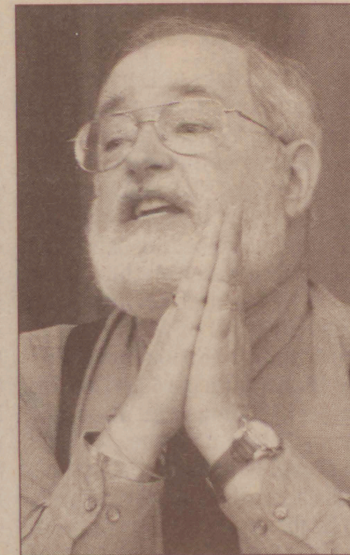
A few weeks before the library opened its doors, Henry MacGregor, a wealthy businessman and politician from Houston, came to Derry. He had bought his family a home on Manchester Road to use as a summer residence. When he died in 1923, he left money to the town to build a new library — what is now the library's home on East Broadway, dedicated in 1927.

After the 1960s, Derry's population doubled, tripled and quadrupled in size, Holmes said, but it took almost a decade of campaigning to put on an addition at the library in 1990.

Calling them the three saints, Holmes said Adams, Pillsbury and MacGregor would be pleased to see that the love of learning continues to be fostered at the Derry Public Library.

When the Rev. William Gaskin and his daughter, Elsie, opened the library in 1905, they could not have imagined what today's library looks like — flat-paneled computer screens and bar-coded library cards for checkout, said Robillard.

Thomas Frey, senior futurist of a nonprofit think tank called the da Vinci Institute, encouraged the community to consider what it wants the library to look like in the future. He discussed trends in communication and encouraged the library to embrace new tech-



CHERYL SENTER/Staff photo

Town historian Richard Holmes offers highlights of Derry Public Library's last 100 years yesterday at the centennial celebration at the library's original home — the Adams Memorial Building.

nologies and become the resource for those technologies and continue to preserve memories of the community.

Following the ceremony, local officials and library patrons walked behind bagpiper Jim Lundt to the library's home. Library Director Cheryl Lynch and Holmes carried a Derry Public Library banner as they led the crowd to the library for a reception, where Robillard cut the ribbon.

Later in the day, the meeting room on the library's lower level was filled with children who celebrated the library's birthday.

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Library photos restored

DERRY — Steve Young and Kathy Wagner of ImageAbility have donated two restored historic images of Derry Public Library.

The couple's color-imaging company in Londonderry digitally reproduced, mounted and framed the images in celebration of the library's 100th anniversary year in 2005.

The images are two, 24-by 36-inch framed enlargements of vintage photographs, one of the Adams Memorial Building, which was the library's first home from 1905 to 1926, and the other an early view of the MacGregor Building, the library's current home, the way it looked from 1927 until 1989.

"We wanted something to reflect our anniversary motto, 'Hon-

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PSNH donates \$500 for Derry library project

By ELISE CASTELLI
Union Leader Correspondent

DERRY — Public Service of New Hampshire has donated \$500 to the Derry Public Library to help fund ongoing restoration and improvement projects.

The library, which will celebrate its centennial on Aug. 10, has set a centennial fundraising goal of \$20,000 to repair the MacGregor stained-glass window, return the library fireplace to working order and build extra shelving in the New Hampshire Room to house historical collections, said Jack Robillard, the assistant director of the library. So far, the library has raised about 43 percent of

the funds needed to complete the projects, he said.

To fill the balance, Robillard is hoping for "lots of smaller individual donations."

The donation by PSNH will help pay for the \$5,000 to \$7,000 shelving project, which will provide extra display space for historical documents such as the Robert Frost and Alan B. Shepard collections.

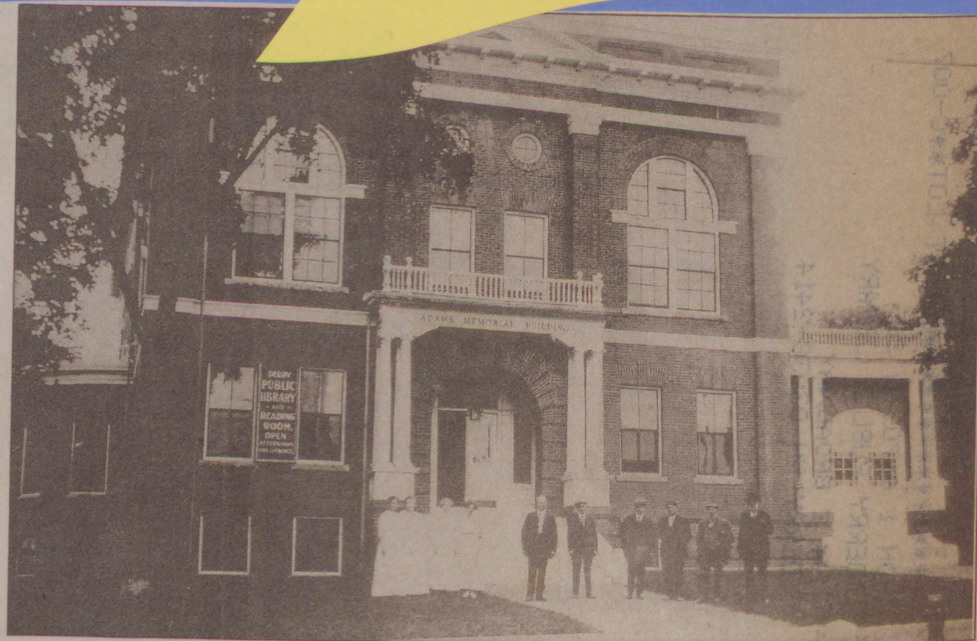
Elizabeth LaRocca, the community relations manager for PSNH, presented the check to Robillard and Library Director Cheryl Lynch. LaRocca said the company does not usually make gifts like this because it serves so many communities, but made an exception for the library.

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A photo of the Derry Public Library, left, is part of a special donation to the library by ImageAbility, a local firm that restored two historic photos that were donated to the library in celebration of its centennial in 2005.

A historic image of the Adams Memorial Building, right, was restored and framed. The Adams Building was the location of the original Derry Public Library.



PHOTOS: Company restores, donates two images to library for centennial

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oring the Past and Preparing for the Future,' and the people at ImageAbility generously donated their time and skills to create a lasting memento," said Sherry Bailey, reference librarian at the Derry Public Library. "Steve Young and Kathy Wagner recently won Citizens of the Year awards from the town of Londonderry for their many corporate and personal con-

tributions and services to the town."

Bailey said the pictures will be on permanent display at the library.

One of the pictures was originally a screened picture postcard and when viewed closely, it is composed of millions of tiny dots, Bailey added.

"If you simply took a photograph and enlarged it, you'd just have a bunch of bigger dots," she said. "Im-

ageAbility used their high tech scanner and printer and a great deal of staff time to digitally adjust and compensate and clean up the image so it looks far better than it did before. They are printed on archivally stable materials and will last longer than I will, I'm sure. It really is amazing."

Bailey said town historian Richard Holmes stopped by the library and for the first time noticed the Adams Memorial Building once

had stained-glass windows in the doors of the Opera House entrance. The doors have plain glass now.

"This was the first time Rick realized that they had once been different," she said. "The detail you can see is really fascinating."

Kris Hensel, an ImageAbility employee who worked on the digital restoration of the photos, said the lettering on the original library sign is just like a type style — called a font — used on the computer to-

day.

"Imagine, we are still using fonts that are over 100 years old," Hensel said. "When you do the work on these restorations, details really pop out at you — things like the rough texture of the beard to the hat with the smooth silk around it."

The restoration and imaging techniques were perfected when ImageAbility produced more than 70 photographic restorations for the Mount Washington Hotel and

Resort at Bretton Woods in the late 1990s. Those images tell the hotel's story and are on display today.

The public is invited to view these glimpses into the library's past as special centennial year programming continues into 2005 and culminates with the official library anniversary on Aug. 10.

For information, call Bailey or Jack Robillard at the library at 432-6140 or Kathy Wagner at ImageAbility at 432-4800.

CELEBRATING A CENTURY

Derry Public Library marks 100th anniversary

By JULIE HUSS
STAFF WRITER

It was a great week to be in Derry.

The date was Aug. 10, the year 1905, and the community of Derry was making the local headlines with a circus in town, a local fisherman nabbing a 3-foot eel in Beaver Lake, and solid gold rings being sold by a jewelry merchant for a mere 60 cents.

Another big story was taking shape that week, but it didn't get the same press as all the other small town happenings. On Aug. 10, 1905, the Derry Public Library opened its doors to patrons.

Now, a century later, the library is celebrating its centennial milestone and honored its past, present, and future with history, parties, barbershop music and plenty of memories of the last 100 years.

On Wednesday, community leaders, patrons, friends, and staff gathered at the Adams Memorial Building to officially say "Happy Birthday" to the library. Birthday cake and fond remembrances were offered as the celebration began.

"It's doing a great job," Derry resident Ralph Bonner said of the library. "It's keeping up to date with the times, and they are always willing to help."

Bonner's sentiments were shared by many, including town historian Richard Holmes, who spoke to visitors Wednesday as part of the centennial celebration. He described how the library started in a lower level room in the Adams Memorial Building. The Derry population at that time was a few thousand people; the library started with 1,229 books in its collection, purchased with a gift of \$1,000 from resident Rosencrans Pillsbury. More than 1,000 people held borrowers' cards.



CHERYL SENTER/Staff photo

Derry Public Library Director Cheryl Lynch sported a giant hat with candles that lit up to help lead the parade up Broadway from the Adams Memorial Building, first home of the Derry library, to its current building, as part of Wednesday's library centennial celebration.

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Holmes said that first library loaned many, many books to the town's readers. When shelves began to look a bit sparse, and with so many books out on loan, the town took action by hiring Bill Taylor, a decorated Civil War veteran, who took on the job of "retriever of books."

As the town's numbers grew and the library's resources began to grow, library officials soon realized that a new space might be needed to house the Derry Public Library. Wealthy philanthropist Henry MacGregor, a descendant of one of the town's founding fathers, Rev. James MacGregor, willed money for the town to construct a new library building — now the library's home on East Broadway.

Today, the library is going strong, with more than 88,000 books on its shelves and 150,000 patrons coming through the doors to check out thousands and thousands of books, CDs, tapes and other materials.

"Usually there is a line with me in it at the Reference Desk," Holmes said.

He added, "Happy Birthday to the Derry Public Library. You sure don't look your age."

Holmes's presentation was followed by Da Vinci Institute futurist Thomas Frey, who offered his views on the future of libraries. He said present-day libraries are changing, transforming themselves from a center of information to a center of community culture. And he surmised that if Leonardo da Vinci could have used the resources of a library, perhaps his most famous drawings and collections would not have been lost over the centuries.

"This is the role libraries play," Frey said, "archiving what we have today."

When the presentations ended, the party carried on into the streets of Derry, as a procession from that original library space to the current library marched down the sidewalks of Broadway, led by bagpiper Jim Lundt. Close behind,

carrying a Derry Public Library banner, were library Director Cheryl Lynch and Holmes, both sporting hats sure to capture the attention of passers-by. When the walkers arrived at the library, Assistant Director Jack Robillard cut a ceremonial ribbon to mark the library's second 100 years.

The library celebrated for the remainder of the day with cake, snacks, punch, and a birthday party for its youngest patrons in the lower level Children's Room. Children were able to make birthday hats, enjoy more cake, and bring birthday gifts for the library, including craft supplies, books, crayons and glue sticks.

Sandy Langlais of Derry said she brings her two daughters, Brittany, 6, and Nicole, 8, to the library on a regular basis to enjoy the extensive children's programming and events.

"We come here about two times a week," she said. "They do a lot of great things for the kids, a lot of good programs. It keeps them busy."

Ten-year-old Ryan Butler said he likes to come to the library because he just likes to read.

"I like to take out books," he said during the centennial birthday party Wednesday. His friend, Alex Davis, also an avid reader, said he liked to keep up on his summer reading and had already completed 26 books as part of the library's annual summer reading program for children. Ryan said it was sometimes tough to keep up with his buddy Alex, because he was the top reader in the class. Both boys will attend the new Barka Elementary School in Derry this fall.

Library staff thanked their supporters through the years who had worked hard to make the Derry Public Library 100 years strong.

"We've grown, adapted, moved, and we've reinvented ourselves many times over the years," Robillard told visitors Wednesday. "Thanks to the supporters who have championed the cause of the library and what the library stood for."

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Derry Public Library celebrates 100 years



CHERYL SENTER/Staff photo

Library trustees Paul Loffler, left, and Joan Paduchowski cut the birthday cake at the library Wednesday. In the background is Thomas Frey, a keynote speaker at the library's centennial event, and a futurist from the DaVinci Institute.



CHERYL SENTER/Staff photo

Derry Public Library Director Cheryl Lynch, right, and town historian Richard Holmes lead the parade from the Adams Memorial Opera House to the library on East Broadway, where birthday cake and punch were served to visitors.

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ALLEGRA BOVERMAN/Staff photo

Granitestatesmen barbershop chorus members Norm Buerklin, left, of Maynard, Mass., and Mike Trilling of Bedford sing "Side by Side" during the kickoff event to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Derry Public Library Tuesday night in MacGregor Park.

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CHERYL SENTER/Staff photo

Town historian Richard Holmes, left, gets ready to participate in the parade from the Adams Memorial Building to the Derry Public Library on East Broadway. Bag-piper Jim Lundt prepares to play for the centennial procession.

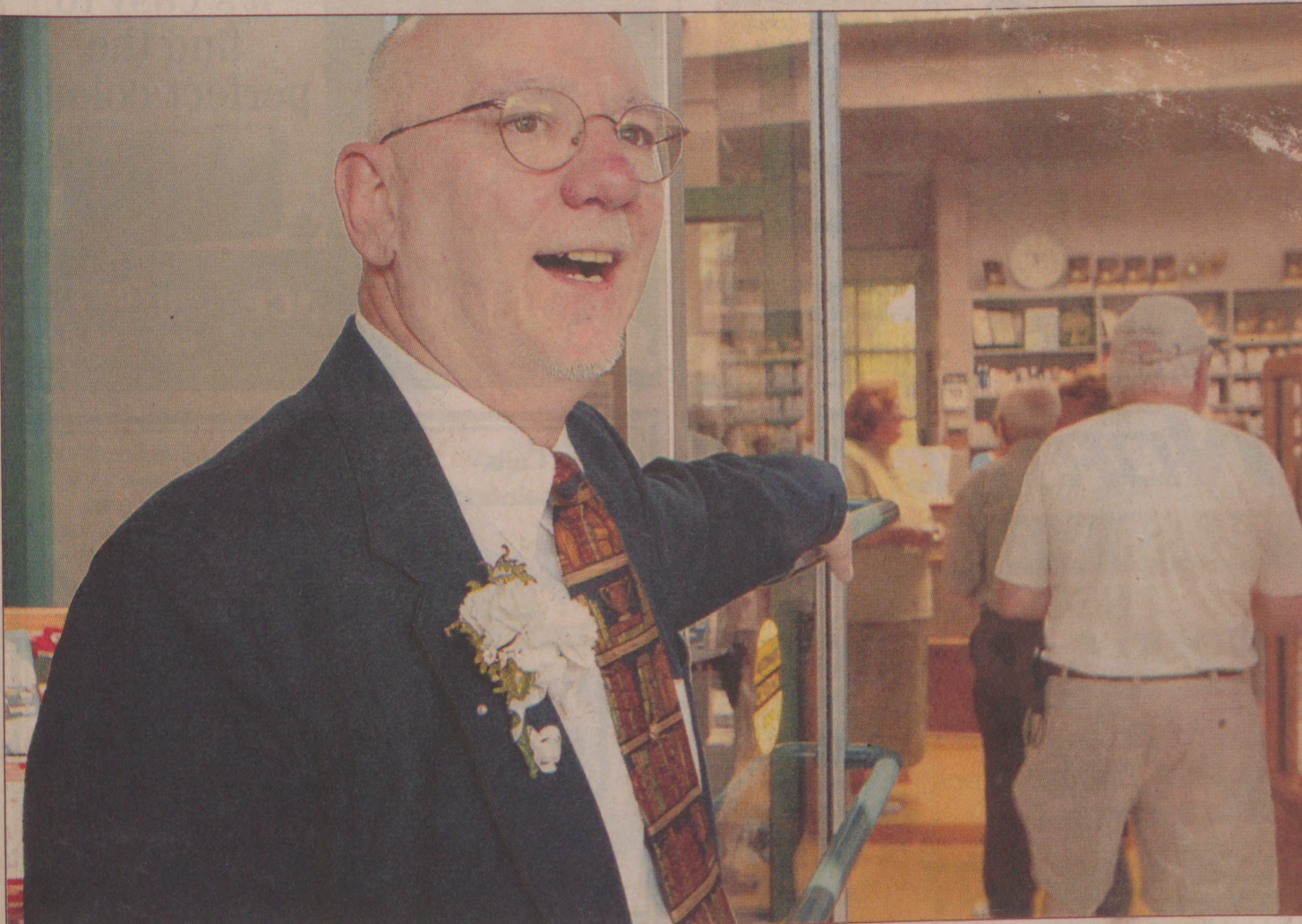


ALLEGRA BOVERMAN/Staff photo

Jillian Leonard, 5, of Derry, enjoys her birthday cake and Red Sox-themed Hood ice cream during the Derry Public Library's kick-off centennial event in MacGregor Park Tuesday night. The H.P. Hood company, once a fixture on the Derry landscape, handed out complimentary ice cream treats to hundreds of park visitors.

CHERYL SENTER/Staff photo

Derry Public Library Assistant Director Jack Robillard greets people as they enter the library for cake and punch on Wednesday during the library's 100th birthday celebration.



Library Futurist Welcomes the 'Great Transformation'

STEPHEN BEALE
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - Library futurist Thomas Frey unveiled a vision of a technological future as brave and bracing as any, during the keynote speech for the Derry Public Library centennial last week.

"We're in this awkward

transition period," Frey said. "Every five years we're changing the format of information. We haven't finished creating the ultimate small storage particle."

Frey said that he realized just how volatile the new technologies are, when he was asked to speak on the future of paper at the 2000

conference of the Paper Industry Technical Association in Arizona.

He told them to imagine an archeologist 200 years into the future who is digging up old records. "The first thing he finds is paper and he says, 'Ah, I can use this,'" Frey said.

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Then he finds a disk. "I can't use this, you never know if it's Windows 2033 or Windows 2045," the hypothetical archeologist says.

Frey said that his story illustrates why paper is still the most stable form of technology, even in the age of the Internet, cell phones, and i-pods.

The Internet alone is growing at a staggering pace. There are 116 new

Web pages added every second with a total of 10 million new pages per day. Currently, the Internet also has 14.4 million personal Web diaries known as blogs.

He added that Internet search engines like google.com are still in primitive stages of development. In the future, he suggested that computers will be equipped with special sensory devices that will allow

browsers of the Internet to search for everything-literal-ly everything-from smells to the texture of clothing to the heat signature of a car or animal.

"In the 1980s, how many movies were there where Harrison Ford was wearing a blue sweater?" Frey asked. The search engines of the future, he said, should be able to produce an answer.

Frey also discussed how

the accessories we use to tap into this vast, virtual ocean of information will evolve. He said that two-dimensional computer screens are too limiting. "I don't think we can understand the world until we think three-dimensionally," he said.

Cell phones are also rapidly adapting. Recently, designers have fitted cell phones with cameras and the capability to check e-mail. "We're trying to come up with the ultimate Swiss Army knife version of the cell phone," Frey told the Nutfield News.

Given the instability of the emerging technologies, libraries still have a role to play as repositories of information. In the long term, however, Frey said that libraries will have to radically transform themselves.

"Libraries will transition from centers of information to centers of culture," Frey said. "You have the luxury of being able to reinvent yourself. I suggest that you embrace the new technologies."

Frey vividly depicted the library of the future as an area rich in creative spaces. Such libraries might have blogging stations, booths for podcasting, and rooms for bands to practice.

Libraries will also be able to harness new information technologies to their advantage in other ways, recording for example, what it smells like to walk down Broadway in the year 2005.

An engineer with IBM from 1976 to 1991, Frey is the founder and director of the DaVinci Institute, a futurist think tank in

Colorado. He said that his curiosity and energy were not fulfilled by his work for IBM, so he spent his free time on other projects.

In the space of 17 years, he started 17 businesses, including a college, an ice cream shop, a center for troubled mothers, a charity, and, of course, a Web design company. "I wish I could say they were all thriving," he said. "I like to say that my informal education was more expensive than my formal education."

His formal background is in engineering, but Frey prefers to describe himself as a futurist. "Nobody thinks in terms of the future," he said. "It's less about predicting what will happen in five to 10 years than it is about the thinking process we need to get there."

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Derry Public Library Turns 100

STEPHEN BEALE
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - At 100 years old, the Derry Public Library on East Broadway is relatively young as far as town institutions go.

According to town historian Rick Holmes, the first libraries in the area were private societies. Membership was conditional on a fee and libraries were not open to the public at large.

"They would flourish for a decade or so and then decline and, in time, disband," Holmes told the Nutfield News.

Many churches also had their own "Sabbath Libraries," which ensured that children were reading the proper books, Holmes noted. One of these books, the Epitome of the Evidence of Christianity, formerly owned by the First Congregational Society, is now in the holdings of the Derry Public Library.

It was not until 1878, more than 150 years after its founding as part of Nutfield in 1719, that Derry had its first public library. This was made possible by a \$1,000 bequest from Harriett Taylor, who was descended from one of the oldest families in Derry.

This donation carried one condition: the new

library had to be in East

Derry and it had to be close to the First Parish Church. Originally, the Taylor Library occupied the second floor of what is now known as Upper Village Hall.

In 1929, Frederick Shepherd, Jr. contributed the funds necessary to build the current building for the Taylor Library.

Meanwhile, with the flourishing of shoe factories. The population of the western part of Derry grew. Many residents of West Derry, according to Holmes, objected to the two-hour walk to the Taylor Library and wanted it moved closer to the center of population.

In 1890, Leonard Pillsbury, a merchant, wrote in the Derry News that it was an "evil that the books are not where they are accessible to those who could and should read them."

"In time, the Solomon-like solution was to have two libraries, one in East Derry and another in West Derry," Holmes said.

The West Derry Library was funded by lumber mill owner Benjamin Adams and the Pillsbury family. It was situated in the Benjamin Adams Memorial Building. At its opening on August 10, 1905, the library had 1,229

books.

After a fire severely damaged the building, the library was moved to its current spot on East Broadway. The new building was financed by Henry Frederick MacGregor, an oil and land magnate from Texas whose ancestral home was in Londonderry. The new Derry Public Library reopened on January 14, 1927.

Today, Derry is six times larger than it was in 1927. It received a major addition in 1990, after what Holmes characterized as "years and years of debate."

Today, the Derry Public Library has a total of 126,000 books, tapes, compact discs, and magazines in its collection. Every year, nearly 150,000 patrons use its services.

"I would believe that Benjamin Adams, Rosecrans Pillsbury and Henry Macgregor would shake their heads in wonderment and disbelief over what their library has become," Holmes said.

"I'm also sure they would be very pleased to discover that after a century, the love of learning continues to be fostered by the Derry Public Library. As it was in 1905, it still is in 2005," he added.

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Centennial Ice Cream



More than 100 Derry residents enjoy ice cream and a barbershop quartet at MacGregor Park last week. The ice cream social kicked off the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Derry Public Library. Jack Robillard, assistant director, said that such events were a popular pastime around the

time of the library's founding. The ice cream was provided by H. P. Hood, which operated one of its first farms in the area near MacGregor Park. The concert was sponsored by the Derry Parks and Recreation Department and featured the Granite State Barbershop Chorus.

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'The Terrain of the Subconscious'

STEPHEN BEALE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Diana Durham, Maren Tirabassi, and Rebecca Rule produced a literary performance as the closing act of the Derry Public Library's centennial last week.

Durham is the author of *To the End of Night*, an anthology of poems, and *The Return of King Arthur*. Tirabassi is the former Poet Laureate of Portsmouth. Her books include *New Voices* and *The Depth*

of Wells. Rule has written *The Best Revenge*, a collection of short stories.

The three New Hampshire-based authors read poems, short stories, and reflections on literature. Speaking of the King Arthur legend, Durham told an audience of approximately 30 people that "Merlin represents the resurrective power that can be trapped in us."

Library set to celebrate 100th year

By JULIE HUSS
STAFF WRITER

DERRY — At the turn of the last century, before television and when movies were new, ice cream socials were a popular community pastime. Town bands and barbershop quartets would set up in parks, and ice cream would be served to everyone strolling around.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9, MacGregor Park will host the H.P. Hood Company, which will serve plenty of ice cream during a special event to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Derry Public Library.

The library will host the ice cream social to help revive the traditions of the past and to honor the library's longevity in the community.

Hood will offer free cups of Hood Champions ice cream for the public. Also planned is a concert by the Granitestatesmen Barbershop chorus, rounding out the nostalgic look at what Derry might have been like back when the library was first starting out. The concert is sponsored by Derry Parks and Recreation. Chorus members come from all over the region to sing the unique American musical art form of barbershop harmonies.

The Hood Company was founded in 1846 in Charleston, Mass., by Harvey Perley Hood, when he bought a milk route in that community. In 1856, Hood bought a farm in Derry, where his food production company began to thrive. Charles Harvey Hood and Gilbert H. Hood joined their father in the company in 1880 and 1890, respectively.

Although founded in New England, the Hood company has become a national company distributing dairy products throughout the United States.

This is the kick-off event for the library's centennial celebration, with the theme, "Honoring the Past...Preparing for the Future."

The library's centennial celebration theme is

"Honoring the Past...Preparing for the Future."

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Library will Celebrate Grand Centennial

STEPHEN BEALE
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry Public Library is planning an extravaganza of events—from ice cream socials to bagpipe processions, and poetry readings—to celebrate its 100th anniversary on August 10.

The kickoff event will be an ice cream social in MacGregor Park that is planned for the evening of Tuesday, August 9. Library staff have said that it will offer residents an opportunity to experience what used to be a popular community pastime—before the days of television, movies, and computers.

Hood Champions Ice Cream, which is the official

ice cream of the Boston Red Sox, will be provided by H. P. Hood. In 1856, Derry was host to one of the company's first dairy farms. The Granite Statesmen Barbershop Chorus will also be on hand to round out the old-time feel of the event.

The main program will be on August 10 at the Adams Memorial Building Opera House and will feature the Londonderry High School Honors String Quartet in the morning, speeches by several town officials, including town historian Rick Holmes, and bagpipe procession. The day will end with a literary presentation.

The celebration will be as much about the past cen-

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tury, as it will be about the future. Immediately after Holmes makes his opening remarks on Wednesday, Thomas Fey will deliver the keynote speech.

Fey is a senior futurist and executive director of the DaVinci Institute in Louisville, Colorado. The

institute is a think tank that champions futurist thinking in a number of areas. According to library officials, he will talk about how libraries can evolve, with so many alternative sources of information, such as the Internet.

In the evening, a group

of authors known as the "Three Voices" will perform "The Grail, the Rock, and the Wardrobe," which library officials describe as "a word collage celebrating the music and magic of poetry and story and the glories of the world of books, with a salute to some of lit-

eratures greatest and well-known writers."

The Derry Public Library originally served shoe factory workers and other residents of West Derry when it was founded in 1901 by a donation from Benjamin Adams. After a series of other gifts, the library offi-

cially opened in 1905.

The library moved to its current location in 1927 after a donation from Henry F. Macgregor. At that time, the library was also used for barbershop choruses and otherwise functioned as a community center. In 1990, construction was completed on a new addition to the library.

All events are open to the

public and free of charge.

The complete schedule is available on the library Web site, <http://www.derry.lib.nh.us>, and further information is also available by calling 432-6140. Jack Robillard, the assistant director, said that the library is also accepting donations for the celebration.

LIBRARY: Hood to celebrate 100th anniversary

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Richard Holmes, town historian and author of the newest Derry history book, "Derry Revisited," will be at the event to sign copies of the book, which sells for \$19.95. All proceeds will go to the library's Centennial Preservation Fund, working on maintaining and preserving historical artifacts

in the library, including the fireplace, the MacGregor stained glass window, and the purchase of additional shelving for the New Hampshire Room.

Teen Library Council members will be selling "I Love Reading" bracelets for \$2 each, to benefit teen programs at the library.

In addition to the ice cream and musical offerings, the library will

be conducting a program at the Adams Memorial Opera House Aug. 10, featuring a keynote speech by Thomas Frey, executive director and senior futurist from the DaVinci Institute in Colorado. His speech, "The Future of Libraries — The Great Transformation," will offer a glimpse into the possibilities the future holds for all library users. Also on Aug.

10, the New England storytelling group 3 Voices appears at the library as part of the official centennial celebration.

Celebrating 100 years is a milestone and the library staff invites everyone to help celebrate. All programs are free and open to the public.

For information, contact the library at 432-6140.

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Derry library's new flags ready to fly

By JULIE HUSS
STAFF WRITER

DERRY — The Derry Public Library's new banners are flying high.

The library has raised colorful new banners to help passersby on East Broadway notice the library, which is celebrating its 100-year-old history as a town fixture.

The blue and white library banners were designed by library staffers and their children, according to director Cheryl Lynch.

"The whole design was totally created by the staff," she said, and added when people drive by, sometimes they don't notice the library. With the new banners, however, the East Broadway building will get an added visual boost.

The three new banners are displayed from lightposts on library property since a 1973 law prevents banners from being displayed on utility poles in the downtown area. Two Derry legislators, Sen. Bob Letourneau and Rep. Jack Dowd, have proposed an amendment to the law in an effort to get banners back on the poles.

Public Service of New Hampshire previously allowed banners sponsored by the Greater Derry Chamber of Commerce because they were used temporarily at the holidays. Officials from PSNH cited safety concerns and the length of time the banners would be displayed as reasons for keeping flags off the poles.

But in the library's case, the banners will fly from lampposts, Lynch said. The design of the banners features the classic symbol of a reading child's profile. David Zusman and Sarah Mentus, whose mothers, Meryle Zusman and Tina Mentus, work at the library, served as models for the banners.

"All the work was totally designed in house," Lynch said. She added that the banners, and new library cards, are a good mix as the library enters its second 100 years in Derry.



JULIE HUSS/Staff photo

Derry Public Library worker Ron Goldthwaite is pictured with one of the library's new banners, which are hanging in front of the East Broadway building from lightposts on library property.

Library window due this summer

By JULIE HUSS
STAFF WRITER

DERRY — Anyone driving by the Derry Public Library over the last several months has been missing a big part of the library's facade.

The historic MacGregor stained glass window, with its reds, golds and browns, was a fixture in the library's New Hampshire Room, but was removed last December and sent to the Lynn Hovey Studio in Boston for much-needed repair.

Library officials say the window may return this summer, but is still having work done on its rippled stained glass and frame.

The window was taken from the MacGregor home in Texas and installed at the library. Philanthropist Henry F. MacGregor left provisions in his will for the construction of a library and the adjoining park on East Broadway.

Over the decades, the window has withstood cracking and separations in its metal supports and was one of several projects the li-

brary decided to take on as part of a centennial preservation effort last year. The Derry library turned 100 in August 2005.

The window had more than 50 glass breaks to repair and, according to Jack Robillard, library assistant director, the Hovey Studio will also be removing the historic "jewels" and replacing them with newer, more updated materials to make sure the window lasts another century.

Robillard said about a dozen jewels will be replaced. He said the library board decided to take the original materials and make a shadowbox display with information about the window and historic documentation, while incorporating the older jewels.

Robillard said the window's usual home, the New Hampshire Room, is where the library's most historic and precious documents are kept.

To learn more about the library or the MacGregor window, call 432-6140, or stop at 64 E. Broadway.

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June 2, 2006*

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Friday, September 30, 2005*



Life is good

Andy Mendall



Greetings from Friends...



Austin, Texas
August 1, 2005

Congratulations and best wishes
to the staff, Trustees, Friends,
and patrons of the Perry
Public Library on the occasion
of the centennial of the
founding of the library! May
you continue to be one of the
best public libraries in the
country. I wish I could be
there to help you celebrate.
Here's to another 100 years!

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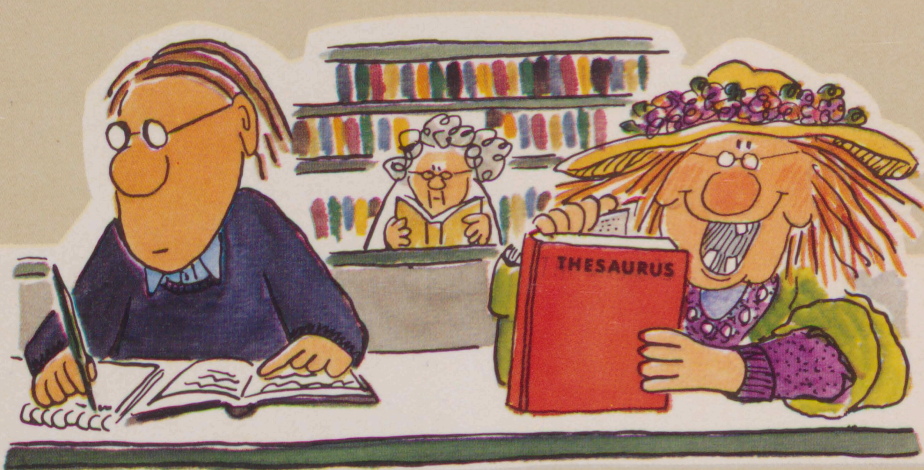
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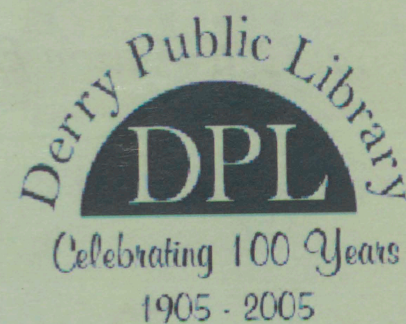
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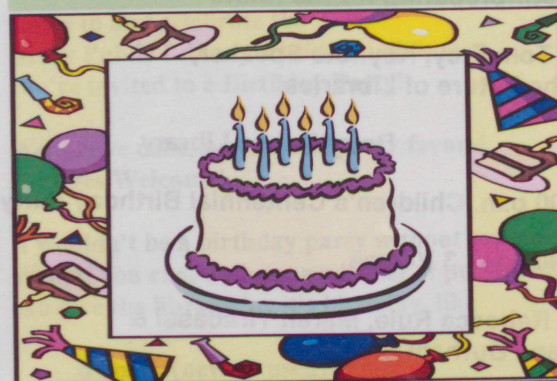


Over the course of about a year, short term and long term planning by a small core group of four people (with input from many others) led to a series of programs and events systematically leading to the celebration of the actual anniversary date of August 10, 2005. At every opportunity ahead of time we mentioned the upcoming Centennial and used it as an excuse to promote the Library as much as we could. Our fundraising efforts were reasonably successful in that we received a matching "Moose Plate" grant from the New Hampshire Council on the Arts for 2/3 of the cost of the repair of our stained glass window and raised enough from other donations for our match. We were also pleased to accept the offer from Energy North, a local gas company, for the project of converting our fireplace with a gas log insert. In addition, book and materials donations rose resulting in a startup collection of donated DVDs, something our patrons were very excited about.



CENTENNIAL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2005



Derry Public Library

64 E. Broadway

www.derry.lib.nh.us

A Timeline of Derry Public Library

April 11, 1719 – First Scotts-Irish Settlers arrive in “Nutfield”

April 12, 1719 – Rev. James MacGregor arrives and preaches his first sermon on the banks of Beaver Lake – Rev. MacGregor was the [great-grandfather??] of Henry F. MacGregor, the Library's benefactor in 1923

June 21, 1722 – Town charter renamed the town from Nutfield to Londonderry

July 2, 1827 – Derry and Londonderry separated

February 29, 1878 -- Taylor Library opened when Harriet Taylor left a bequest of \$1,000 for a public library (restricting the library to East Derry)

1887 -- Emma Taylor, sister of Harriet Taylor, gave another \$1,000

March 11, 1901 – Benjamin Adams dies, leaving a \$10,000 bequest to the Town of Derry for the Adams Memorial Building, to include rooms for a town public Library.

August 10, 1905 -- Derry Public Library opened its doors in the Adams Memorial Building -- \$500 appropriated by town selectmen for furnishing the space

1905-1906 -- Reverend W.E. Gaskin, Director

1905 -- Rosencrans W. Pillsbury donated the first \$1000 for books

1906 - 1940 – Elsie Gaskin takes over as Director from her father, Rev. William Gaskin – circulation grew from 9,747 to 53,796 in that time

1906 – Robert Frost becomes assistant in English Department at Pinkerton under Principal George Bingham

January 13, 1914 -- Fire destroys much of the Adams Memorial Building, destroying many books in the Library – Library temporarily relocated in the Knights of Pythias building – many books were ruined, but the portraits of Adams and Pillsbury were undamaged

1923 – Henry F. MacGregor dies leaving a bequest to Derry for a Library building and park

1925 – Boyd homestead purchased by Mrs. Elizabeth MacGregor for the site of a park and library as indicated in her husband's will

July 6, 1926 -- special town meeting to take action on the matter of accepting the gift of Henry MacGregor

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August 31, 2005

Derry Public Library
Cheryl Lynch, Director
Jack Robillard, Assistant Director
Library Trustees

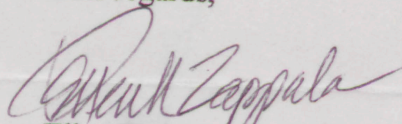
To All,

Congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the Derry Public Library.

In honor of this special occasion, please accept this keepsake plaque that was created from the article about the library's centennial that appeared in the Wednesday, August 10, 2005 edition of the *Derry News*.

The Derry Public Library has been a valuable resource for residents for the last century. We applaud you for expanding on that mission and carrying it into the next century.

Best regards,



Ellen K. Zappala
General Manager





Restoration of the stained-glass window would cost \$10,000 to \$12,000, and repairs and improvements to the fireplace would cost \$4,000 to \$5,000.

VALERIE D. HERSHFIELD PHOTOS

By VALERIE D. HERSHFIELD
Union Leader Correspondent

DERRY — For days firefighters had been stopping by to see the 107-year-old station just one last time.

climbed behind the wheel of Engine One and picked up the microphone.

It was 0900 hours when solemnly said, "Derry Station One is permanently closed."

In turn, Lt. Brett Scholbe at

for "people such as (Rosenbergs) Pillsbury gave \$1,000 to start in the Adams Memorial and then MacGregor left money for the continuing, and then a continuing — this is kind of a continuing of community support to preserve and protect the library's history."

Donations received by August 10 will be acknowledged at the centenary events, said Robil-

Beneath a portrait of Mac-

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